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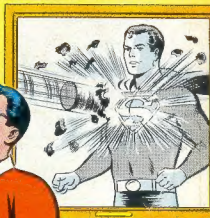
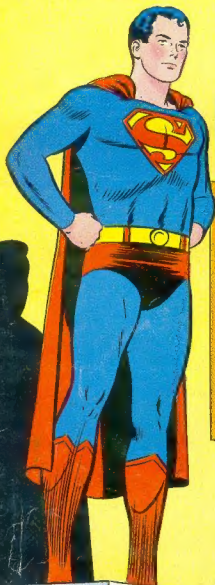
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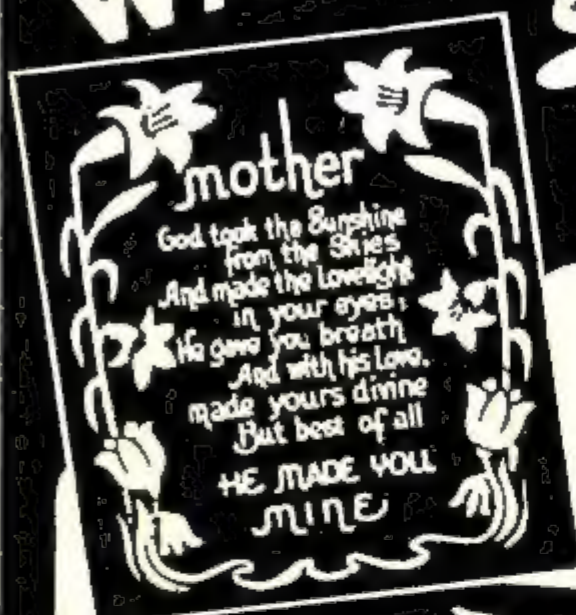


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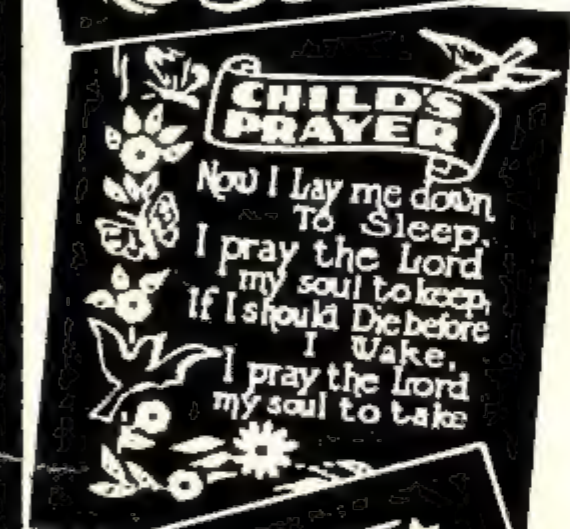
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SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of
SUPERMAN
WHEN HE WAS A BOY

SO THAT HE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY FIGHT CRIME, CLARK KENT PERFORMS HIS FABULOUS SUPER-DEEDS WHILE IN HIS DYNAMIC OTHER-IDENTITY AS **SUPERBOY**. THAT CLARK KENT AND **SUPERBOY** ARE ONE AND THE SAME, IS THE **BOY OF STEEL'S** MOST CAREFULLY GUARDED SECRET. BUT THE FACT THAT CLARK KENT IS ALSO CAPABLE OF PERFORMING SUPER-FEATS... A FACT THAT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY EXPOSE HIM TO BE **SUPERBOY**... THREATENS TO BECOME KNOWN TO THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD, DURING

"The WEEK THAT CLARK KENT LOST his MEMORY!"

THERE GOES **SUPERBOY** DELIVERING A DOZEN TANKS FOR THE ARMY!

GEE, **SUPERBOY** IS TERRIFIC! SIGH I SURE WISH I COULD BE LIKE... HIM!

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ONE AFTERNOON IN SMALLVILLE, AS CLARK (SUPERBOY) KENT KEEPS A DATE WITH LANA LANG...

HURRY, CLARK! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE THE **HALL OF HEROES** AT THE **FUN FAIR**! I HEAR THEY HAVE A STATUE OF **SUPERBOY** EXHIBITED ALONG WITH OTHER WAX FIGURES OF GREAT HEROES!

I'LL PEEK AHEAD, COMBINING MY X-RAY AND TELESCOPIC VISION AND SEE HOW GOOD A JOB THE SCULPTOR DID!



YIPES! THE **SUPERBOY** STATUE'S COSTUME IS MISSING, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ENTER THE EXHIBIT! I'D BETTER ACT, FAST!

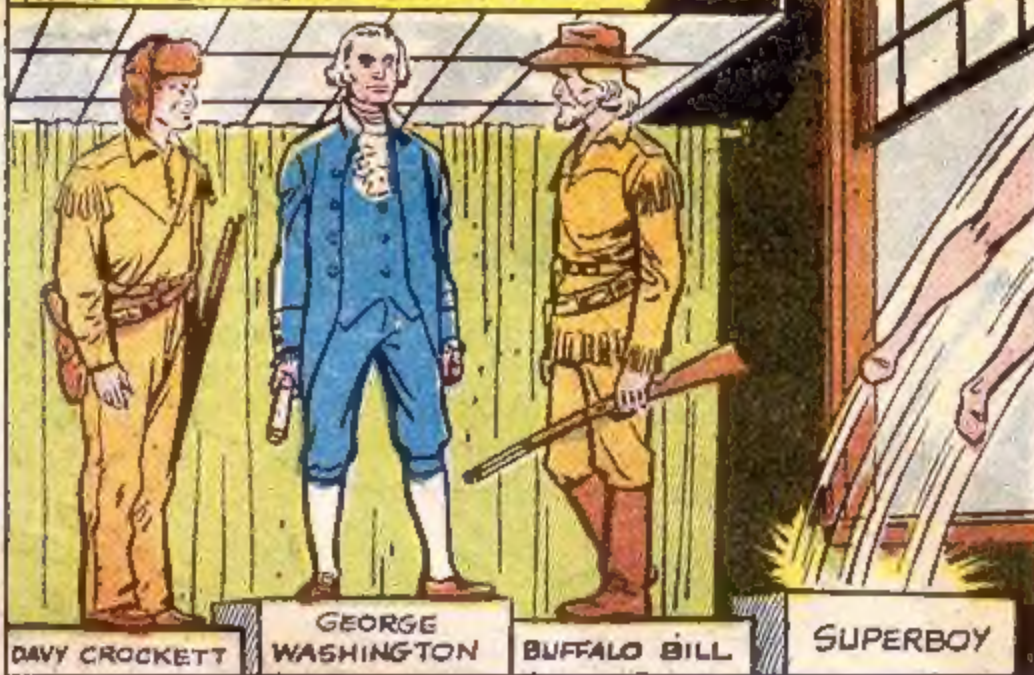


MY SHOE-LACE IS LOOSE. KEEP WALKING, LANA, WHILE I TIGHTEN IT!

DON'T TAKE FOREVER!



AN INSTANT LATER, THE UNCLAD **SUPERBOY** WAX FIGURE STREAKS UP OFF ITS PEDESTAL AND OUT THE WINDOW, AS THOUGH UNDER ITS OWN POWER...



CLARK'S SLOW AS MOLASSES!

HERE IT COMES, NOW...FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW...DRAWN BY MY EXPERTLY MANEUVERED VACUUM-BREATH WHICH ALSO PROTECTS IT FROM MELTING DUE TO FRICTION!



CLARK SWIFTLY REMOVES HIS OUTER GARMENTS, PLACES HIS REAL **SUPERBOY** COSTUME ON THE WAX FIGURE, QUICKLY DRESSES AGAIN... THEN...

BACK YOU GO, VIA A MIGHTY SUPER-TOSS! MY VACUUM-BREATH, APPLIED AT THE RIGHT INSTANT, WILL LOWER IT BACK ON THE PEDESTAL, UNHARMED!



THE NEXT MOMENT...

SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, LANA!

AND TO THINK I EVER SUSPECTED YOU OF BEING **SUPERBOY!**

SOON...

SIGH! IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

I GUESS SO!

SUPERBOY

THE TROUBLE WITH YOU IS THAT YOU'RE **JEALOUS** OF **SUPERBOY!** GOODBYE! YOU CAN SEE THE REST OF THE **FUN FAIR** BY YOURSELF!

ME ENVY **SUPERBOY?** THAT'S FUNNY!

HALL OF HEROES

DON'T LAUGH TOO LOUD, CLARK. ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT FATE HAS IN STORE, AROUND THE CORNER...

MEANWHILE--A YOUNGSTER TOSSES HIS "LUCKY STONE" TO AN OSTRICH ON DISPLAY, LITTLE REALIZING THE STONE IS REALLY... **RED KRYPTONITE!**

HA, HA! HE'S SWALLOWING THE STONE I THREW HIM!

FEED OSSIE WORLD'S BIGGEST OSTRICH HE EATS ANYTHING!

GLANCING BACK AT THE **HALL OF HEROES** WITH HIS X-RAY VISION, CLARK GETS A SHOCK...

GREAT GUNS! CROOKS ARE STEALING THE STATUE! I RECOGNIZE THEM! THEY'RE MEMBERS OF A SMUGGLING GANG!

WE ONLY HAD TIME TO TAKE THE **SUPERBOY** UNIFORM OFF, WHEN WE TRIED TO GET THE JEWELS HIDDEN IN THE STATUE, BEFORE, BECAUSE WE HEARD SOMEONE COMING! I WAS SO SCARED, I RAN OFF WITH THE UNIFORM!

THE WATCHMAN MUST HAVE PUT AN EXTRA UNIFORM ON IT. THIS TIME WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE STATUE! STEP ON THE GAS!

SOON, ON A DEEPLY RUTTED ROAD...

WHAT A RACKET! THE JEWELS WERE SMUG-
GLED INSIDE THIS
SUPERBOY WAX
FIGURE, AND EVEN
SUPERBOY AIN'T
WISE!



BUT UNKNOWN TO THE SMUGGLERS, THEY
HAVE BEEN UNDER CLARK'S VIGILANCE...

LET THEM THINK THEY'RE SAFE! AS SOON
AS THEY LEAVE, I'LL GET MY UNIFORM
BACK— THEN GET THE JEWELS AND THE
GANG!

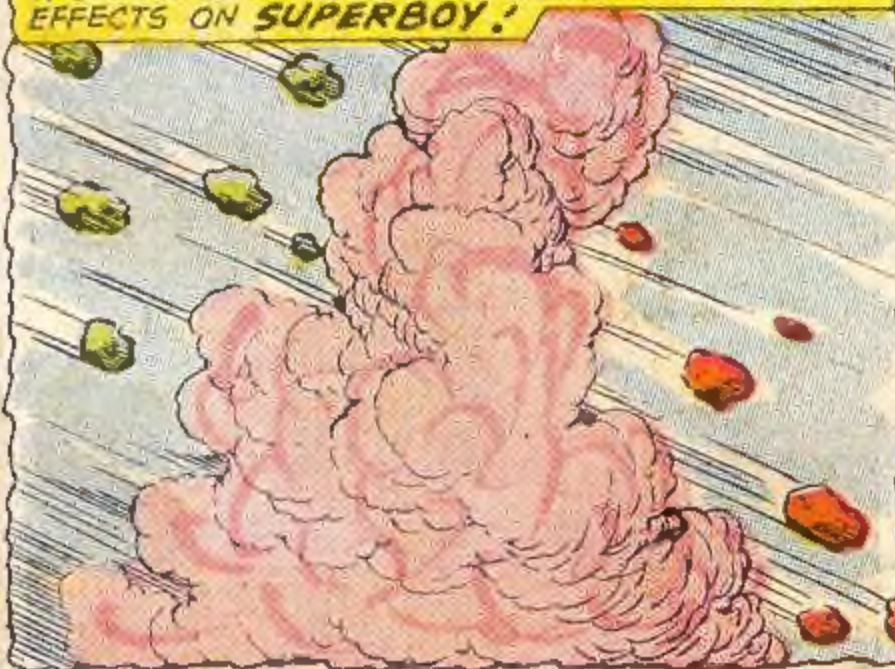


BUT A MOMENT LATER, AS CLARK PASSES
OSSIE, HE UNWITTINGLY COMES UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF THE RED KRYPTONITE INSIDE
THE OSTRICH...

W-WHAT'S HAPPEN-
ING...T-TO ME? MY M-MIND...
SPINNING! I-I'M TERRIBLY...
DIZZY...



RED KRYPTONITE, FORMED YEARS AGO WHEN A HORDE
OF GREEN KRYPTONITE METEORS PASSED THROUGH
A COSMIC CLOUD, HAS STRANGE, UNPREDICTABLE
EFFECTS ON **SUPERBOY**!



THIS TIME, THE RED KRYPTONITE CAUSES **AMNESIA**
IN THE **BOY OF STEEL**, COMPLETELY WIPING OUT
HIS MEMORY. HIS HEAD WHIRLING, CLARK STAGGERS
A FEW STEPS, THEN... FALLS...

THE CANNON HASN'T
BEEN SHOOTING
PROPERLY! I'LL
TEST IT ONCE
MORE!

THE SENSATIONAL ACT
THAT HAS THRILLED MILLIONS.
SEE A MAN SHOT OUT
OF A CANNON!



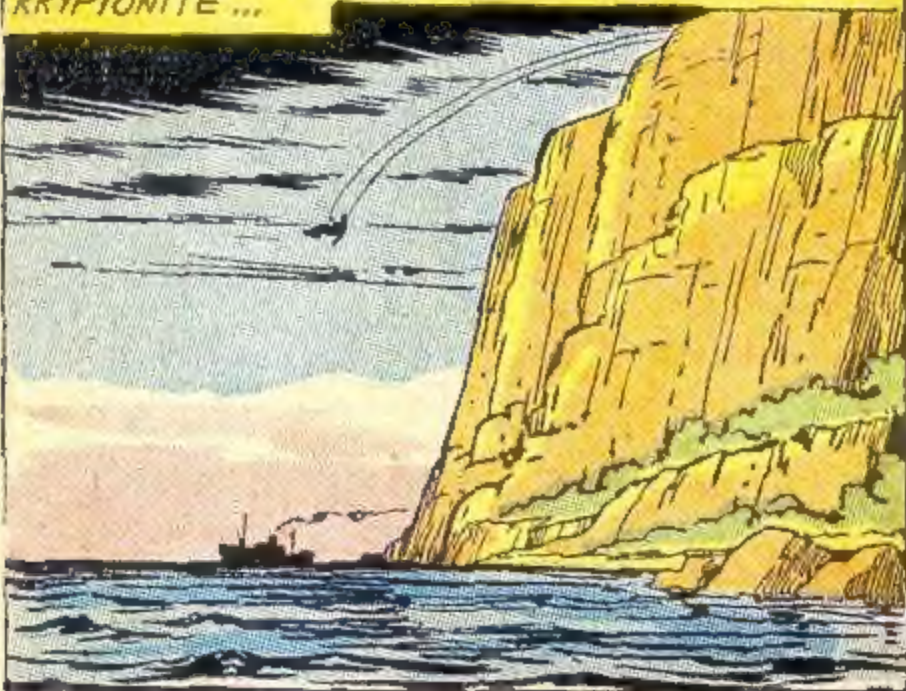
IT WORKS FINE!
GEE, THAT'S ODD!
I DON'T REMEMBER
PUTTING THE DUMMY
IN!



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SHOT OVER THE EDGE OF A CLIFF, CLARK ROCKETS INTO HIS STRANGEST ADVENTURE, ROBBED OF HIS MEMORY... AND CONSCIOUSNESS... BY THE INSIDIOUS RED KRYPTONITE ...

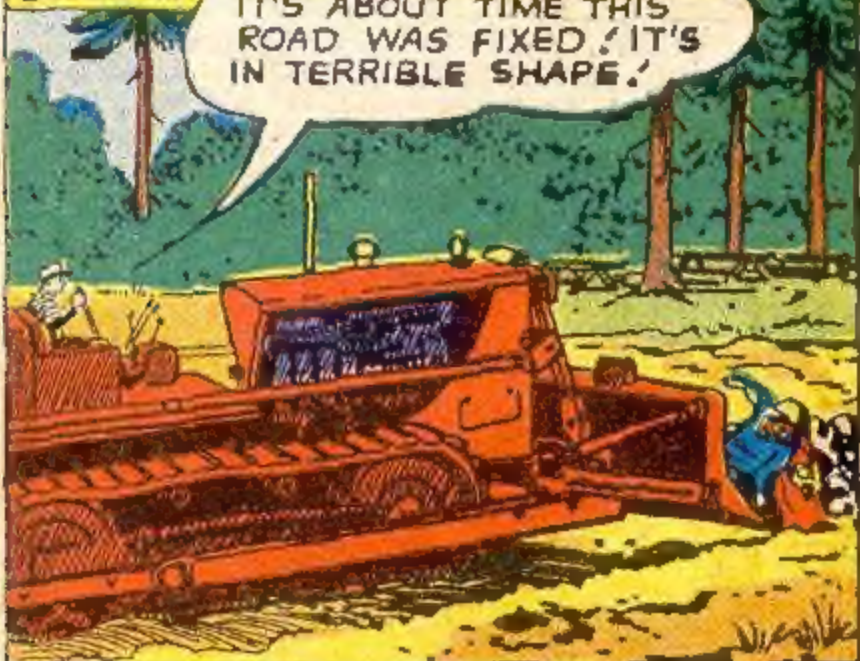


DOWN HE PLUMMETS ONTO A PASSING BOAT... ONLY A COILED ROPE PREVENTS HIS CRASHING CLEAR THROUGH THE DECK... THEN DARKNESS BLANKETS THE STRICKEN SUPER-HERO...

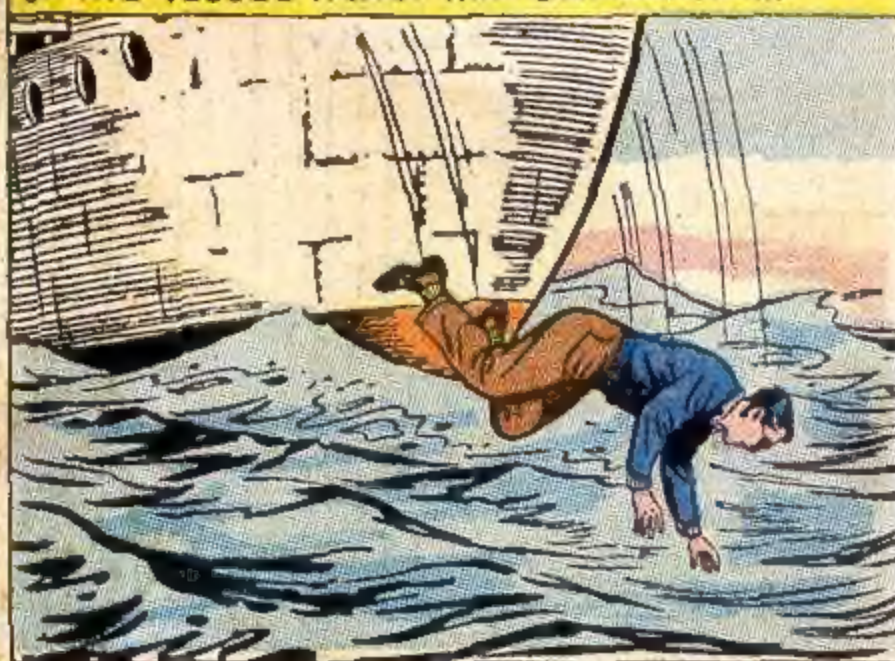


MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY, SUPERBOY'S DISCARDED UNIFORM BECOMES BURIED BY A BULLDOZER'S SCOOP ...

IT'S ABOUT TIME THIS ROAD WAS FIXED! IT'S IN TERRIBLE SHAPE!



NEXT MORNING, AS CLARK AWAKENS, HIS EYES ARE CONFUSED AND BEWILDERED. SUDDENLY, A PITCH OF THE VESSEL HURLS HIM OVERBOARD ...



HUNGRY SHARK'S FIERCELY ATTACK HIM, BUT THEN FLEE AS THEIR SAW-SHARP TEETH BREAK ON HIS INVULNERABLE SKIN...



HAVING FORGOTTEN HOW TO SWIM, CLARK WALKS ALONG THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM TOWARD THE SHORE. THOUGH HE HAS LOST HIS MEMORY, HE'S AS SUPER-POWERFUL AS EVER...



HOW SOON WILL IT BE BEFORE ONE OF HIS SUPER-DEEDS BETRAYS HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS SUPERBOY?

AS CLARK REACHES SHORE, AND ENCOUNTERS EDWIN MERRITT, AN EDITOR OF THE **GLOBAL ENCYCLOPEDIA**, HIS BEDAZZLED MIND CAUSES HIM TO BABBLE IN **KRYPTONESE**, LANGUAGE OF THE PLANET OF HIS ORIGIN...

XANO
PARYNOR
LAMU
NIK?

THE BOY MUST'VE FALLEN OFF A BOAT FROM SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY. I'VE NEVER HEARD HIS LANGUAGE BEFORE, AND I THOUGHT I HEARD THEM ALL! HE LOOKS BEWILDERED. I'D BETTER TAKE HIM WITH ME!



SOON, IN MERRITT'S SEA-SIDE COTTAGE...

I'LL TEACH YOU TO READ WITH THIS CHILD'S PRIMER. SEE-CAT...CHICKEN... COW...

CAT. CHICK-EN. COW!



VERY GOOD, LAD! YOU PICKED THAT UP, FAST! YOU KEEP LOOKING THROUGH THAT BOOK WHILE I GET US A BITE TO EAT.

XYLOPHONE... ZEBRA...

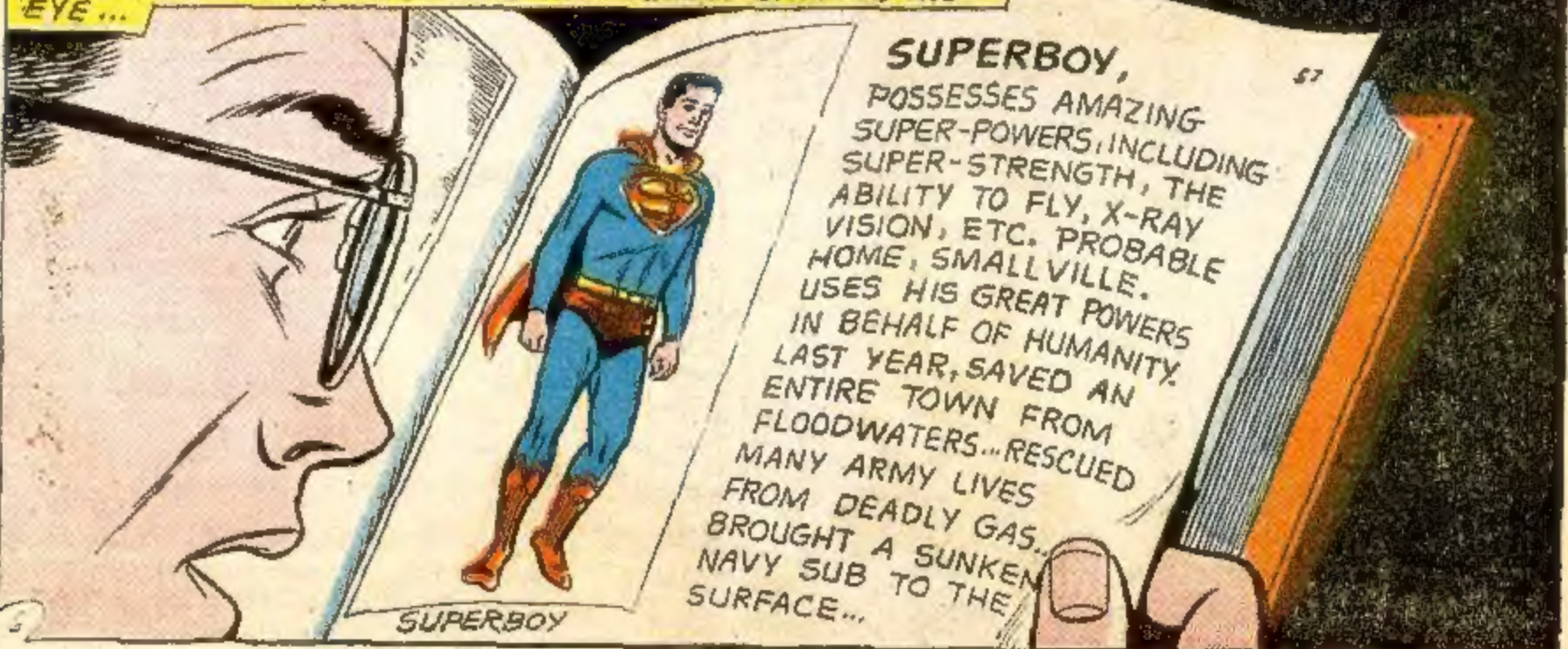


NEXT, CLARK PICKS UP A DICTIONARY, SWIFTLY MEMORIZES EACH PAGE, UNTIL HE COMES TO A CERTAIN WORD...

AMNESIA! THAT'S MY TROUBLE! I CAN'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME, BEFORE AWAKENING THIS MORNING ON THAT BOAT! MY PAST IS A **BLANK!**



LATER, WHEN CLARK GOES THROUGH AN ENCYCLOPEDIA SET AT INCREDIBLE SPEED, SOMETHING OF INTEREST CATCHES HIS EYE...



SUPERBOY,

POSSESSES AMAZING SUPER-POWERS, INCLUDING SUPER-STRENGTH, THE ABILITY TO FLY, X-RAY VISION, ETC. PROBABLE HOME, SMALLVILLE. USES HIS GREAT POWERS IN BEHALF OF HUMANITY. LAST YEAR, SAVED AN ENTIRE TOWN FROM FLOODWATERS...RESCUED MANY ARMY LIVES FROM DEADLY GAS... BROUGHT A SUNKEN NAVY SUB TO THE SURFACE...

SUPERBOY



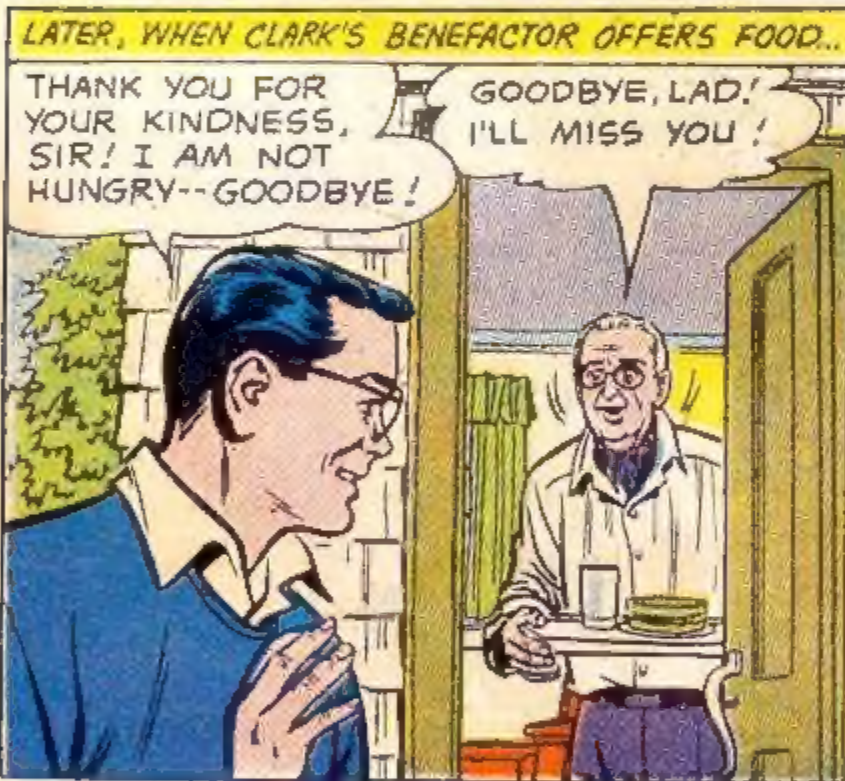
"SUPERBOY OFTEN USES SUPERBOY ROBOTS WHO ARE SO PERFECTLY CONSTRUCTED, THAT THEY CANNOT BE READILY DISTINGUISHED FROM HUMANS..."

LOOKING AT THE ENCYCLOPEDIA, EH, LAD? AMBITIOUS, AREN'T YOU?



NO, JUST FASCINATED BY KNOWLEDGE. I WAS INTRIGUED TO LEARN THAT VERTEBRATES ARE ANIMALS THAT HAVE AN INSIDE SKELETON, INCLUDING A SPINAL CHORD, SUCH AS MAN, BIRDS, REPTILES, AND FISHES.

GREAT SCOTT! A FEW MINUTES AGO YOU COULD HARDLY SPEAK TWO WORDS OF ENGLISH, AND NOW...



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, SIR! I AM NOT HUNGRY--GOODBYE!

GOODBYE, LAD! I'LL MISS YOU!



REACHING THE NEW POTTSVILLE BOY STADIUM ON ITS DEDICATION DAY, CLARK MOMENTARILY FORGETS HIS AMNESIA-PROBLEM, AS--

ONE OF THE BOYS DIDN'T SHOW UP! WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY ON OUR BASEBALL TEAM?

SURE!

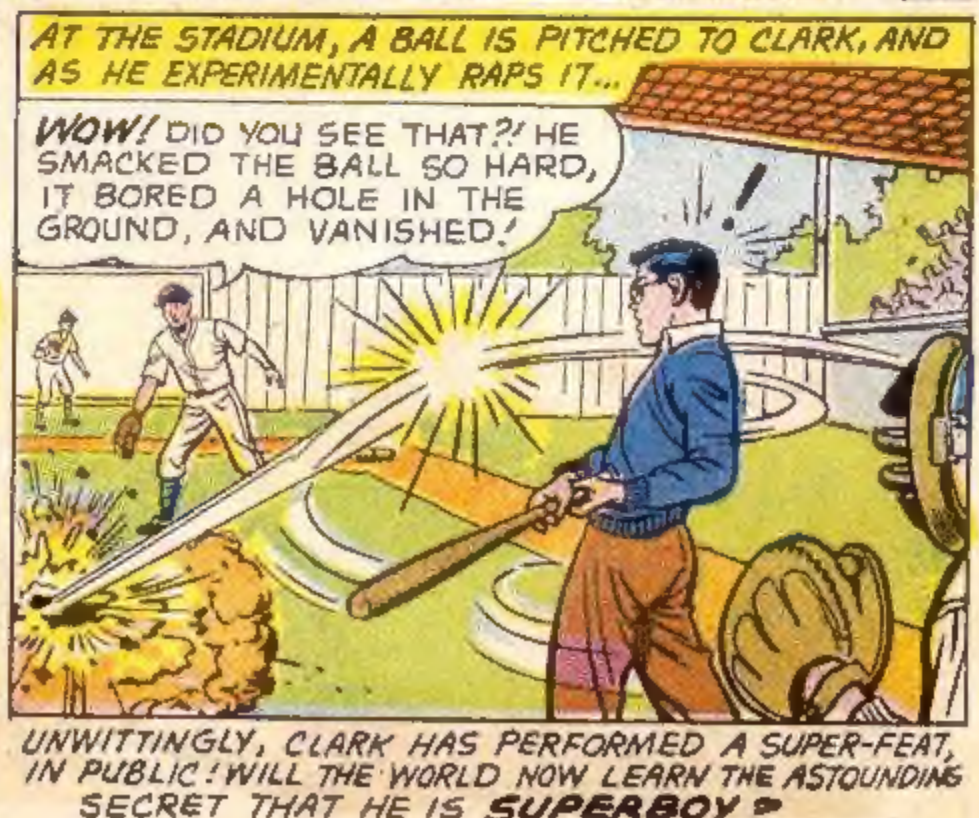
THE ENCYCLOPEDIA EXPLAINED THIS GAME THOROUGHLY. IT WOULD BE FUN TO PLAY!



MEANWHILE AT THE KENT HOME...

I'M WORRIED! IT'S NOT LIKE OUR SON, CLARK, TO BE GONE SO LONG, WITHOUT LEAVING A MESSAGE FOR US!

SUPERBOY INSTRUCTED US THAT IF HE EVER DISAPPEARED, WE SHOULD FOLLOW PLAN A!... SUPERBOY'S ROBOT, IN HIS MASTER'S ABSENCE, WILL PERFORM THE DEEDS SUPERBOY WOULD ORDINARILY DO HIMSELF!



AT THE STADIUM, A BALL IS PITCHED TO CLARK, AND AS HE EXPERIMENTALLY RAPS IT...

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT? HE SMACKED THE BALL SO HARD, IT BORED A HOLE IN THE GROUND, AND VANISHED!

UNWITTINGLY, CLARK HAS PERFORMED A SUPER-FEAT, IN PUBLIC! WILL THE WORLD NOW LEARN THE ASTOUNDING SECRET THAT HE IS SUPERBOY?



NO-- FOR ANOTHER PLAYER SHOUTS A SCOFFING REMARK THAT MISLEADS THE OTHERS...

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! HE ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE BALL INTO A HOLE MADE IN THE GROUND BY A MOLE!

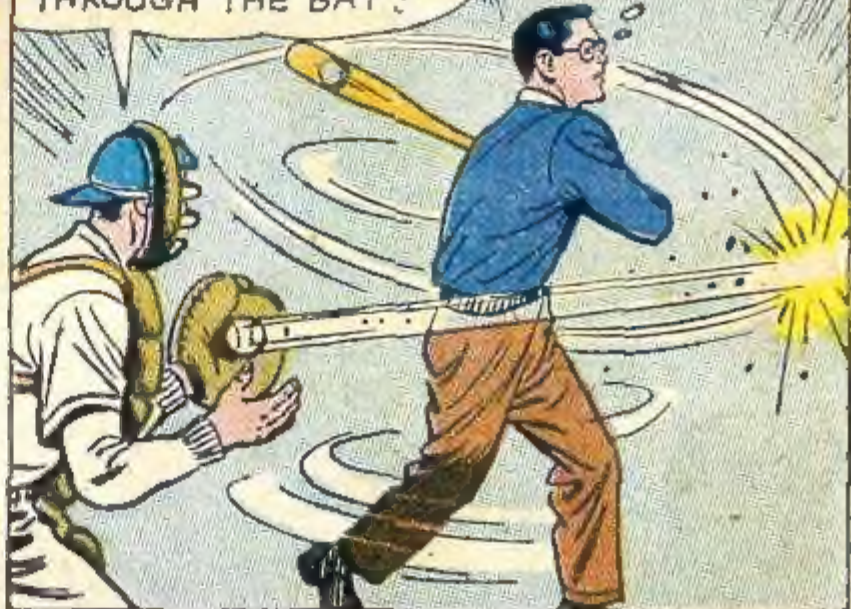
YOU MUST BE RIGHT!



AND SO CLARK'S SECRET IS NARROWLY SAVED. BUT AFTERWARD, WHEN IT IS HIS TURN AT BAT...

HOLY MACKEREL! HE SMACKED THE BALL SO HARD, IT WENT CLEAR THROUGH THE BAT!

D-DID I DO THAT??



AGAIN, CLARK HAS PERFORMED AN INCREDIBLE STUNT THAT THREATENS TO GIVE AWAY HIS IDENTITY, BUT...

HA! HA! HE PICKED UP A DEFECTIVE BAT!

THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME! I ... FEEL SILLY--



LATER, CATCHING A STINGING GROUNDER IN HIS BARE HAND, CLARK HURLS IT TOWARD HOME BASE, WITH ASTONISHING RESULTS...

YOW! WHAT A THROW! THE BALL'S SPEEDING SO FAST IT'S BURNING UP FROM FRICTION WITH THE AIR!



CAN ANYTHING SAVE CLARK'S SECRET, NOW? --

AMAZINGLY, FATE AGAIN RESCUES CLARK'S SECRET!

HA! HA! LOOK AGAIN!! **SUPERBOY** IS TOASTING 1,000 HOT DOGS FOR THE SPECTATORS WITH HIS X-RAY VISION, AS SCHEDULED FOR THIS OCCASION! THE BALL GOT IN THE WAY OF THE SIZZLING X-RAY BEAMS! THAT'S WHAT BURNED IT UP!

HE'S RIGHT! GEE, WHAT A THRILL TO SEE **SUPERBOY** IN PERSON!



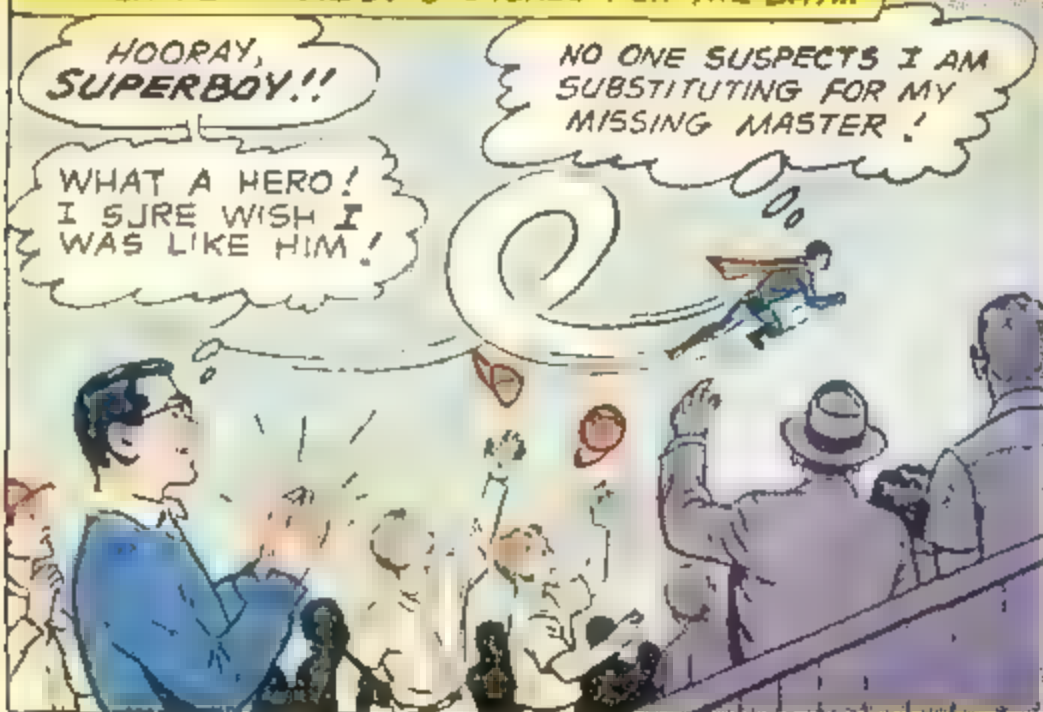


TREMENDOUS APPLAUSE GREETs THE SUPERBOY ROBOT WHO HAD BEEN DISPATCHED BY MA AND PA KENT TO PERFORM SUPERBOY'S CHORES FOR THE DAY...

HOORAY, SUPERBOY!!

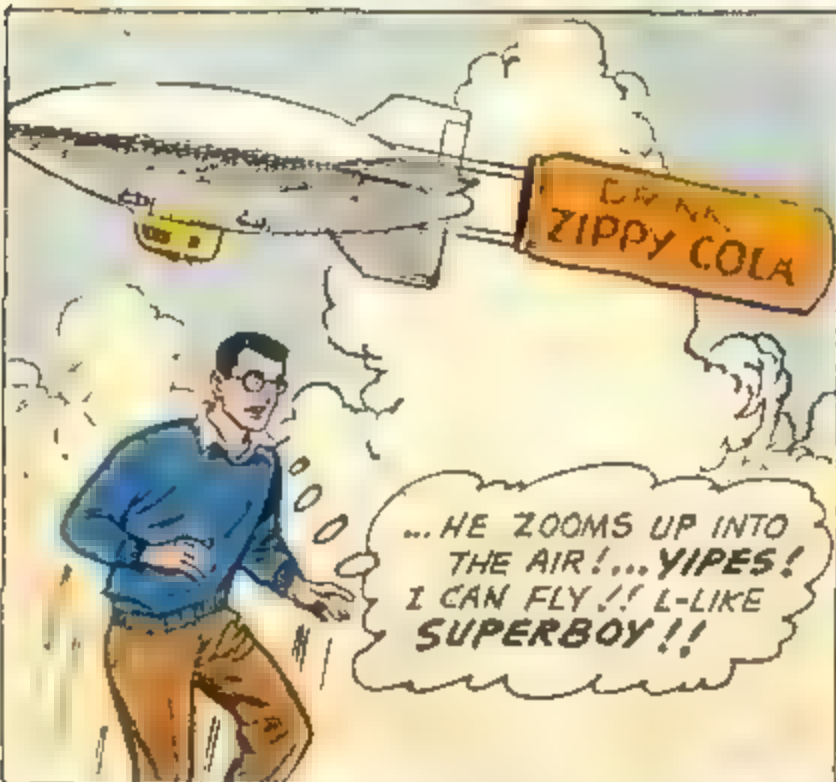
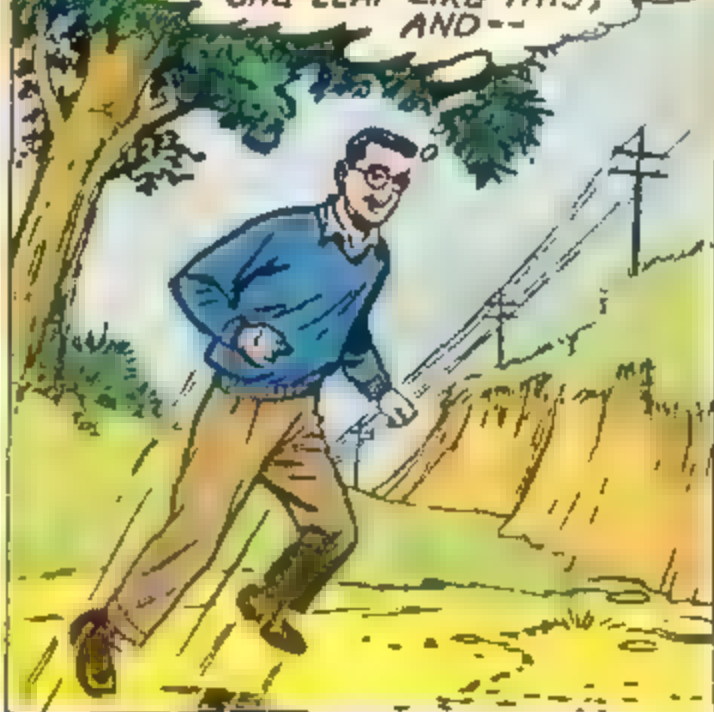
NO ONE SUSPECTS I AM SUBSTITUTING FOR MY MISSING MASTER!

WHAT A HERO! I SURE WISH I WAS LIKE HIM!



LATER...

YES, I SURE WISH I COULD BE LIKE SUPERBOY! ONE LEAP LIKE THIS, AND--

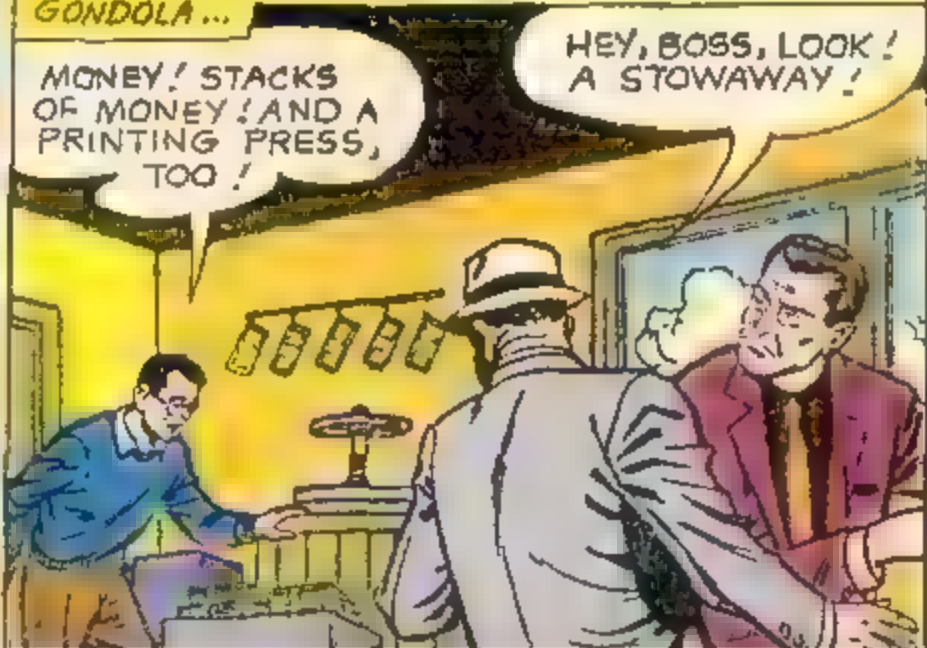


...HE ZOOMS UP INTO THE AIR!...YIPES! I CAN FLY!! L-LIKE SUPERBOY!!

AS HE ENCOUNTERS AN ADVERTISING DIRIGIBLE IN THE SKY, CLARK'S CURIOSITY GETS THE BETTER OF HIM AND ACTING INSTINCTIVELY, HE ENTERS THE GONDOLA...

MONEY! STACKS OF MONEY! AND A PRINTING PRESS, TOO!

HEY, BOSS, LOOK! A STOWAWAY!



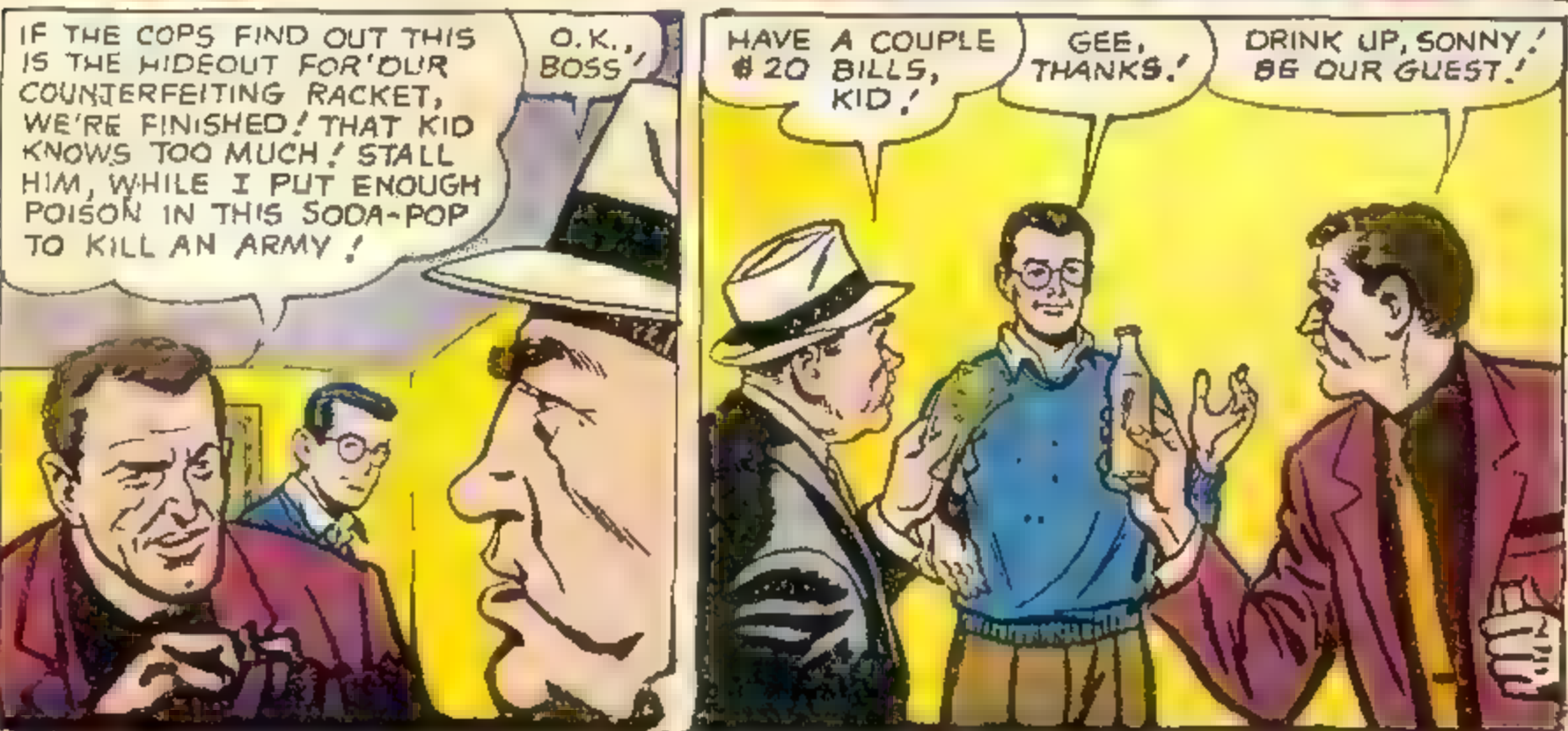
IF THE COPS FIND OUT THIS IS THE HIDEOUT FOR OUR COUNTERFEITING RACKET, WE'RE FINISHED! THAT KID KNOWS TOO MUCH! STALL HIM, WHILE I PUT ENOUGH POISON IN THIS SODA-POP TO KILL AN ARMY!

O.K., BOSS!

HAVE A COUPLE \$20 BILLS, KID!

GEE, THANKS!

DRINK UP, SONNY! BE OUR GUEST!



AND AFTER CLARK DOWNS THE DEADLY DRINK, A TRAP-DOOR SPRINGS OPEN, AND...

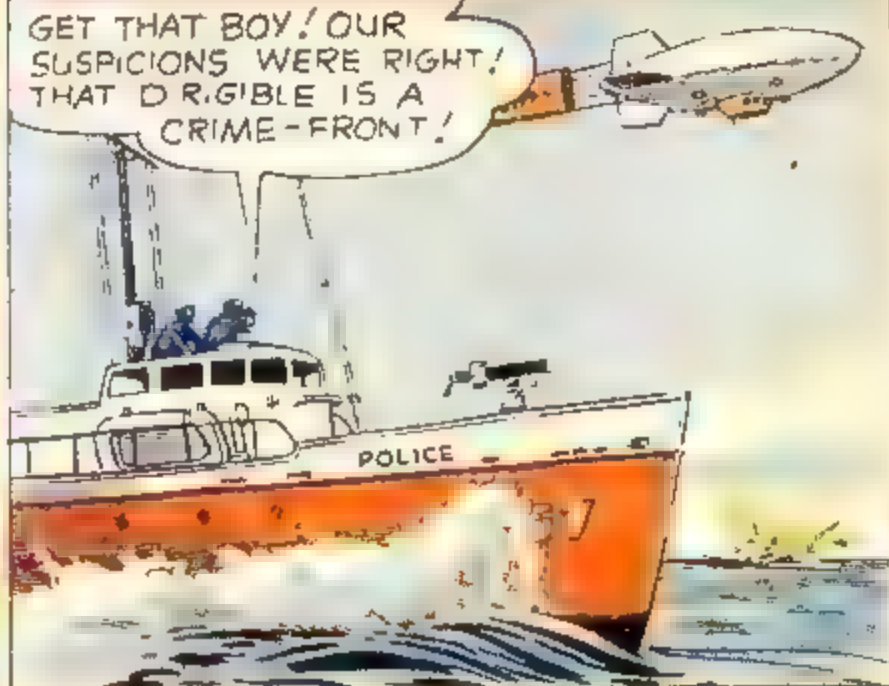
SORRY YOU CAN'T STAY LONGER!

BETWEEN THE POISON,
AND THE WATER FAR BELOW,
THIS KID'S GOOSE IS
COOKED!



BUT AS CLARK PLUNGES DOWN INTO THE SEA, HE IS SIGHTED BY A POLICE-BOAT WHICH HAD BEEN TRAILING THE DIRIGIBLE...

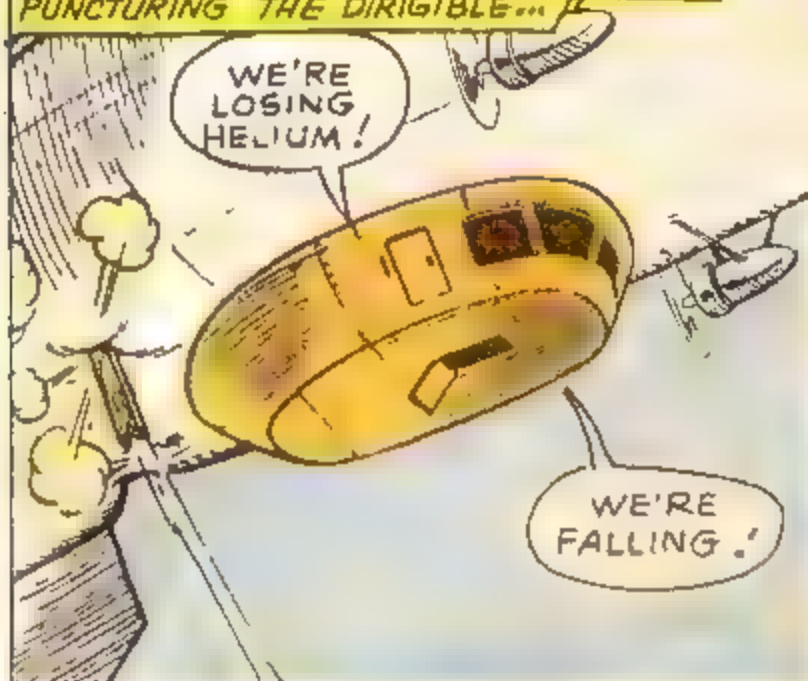
GET THAT BOY! OUR
SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT!
THAT DIRIGIBLE IS A
CRIME-FRONT!



A PIECE OF DRIFTWOOD, STRUCK BY CLARK'S STEEL-HARD BODY, HURTTLES SKYWARD, PUNCTURING THE DIRIGIBLE...

WE'RE
LOSING
HELIUM!

WE'RE
FALLING!



SOON, BOTH THE COUNTERFEITERS AND CLARK ARE PULLED OUT OF THE SEA

BOTH YOUR TWO \$20
BILLS ARE PHONEY!
THEY HAVE THE SAME
SERIAL NUMBERS!
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST!

BUT

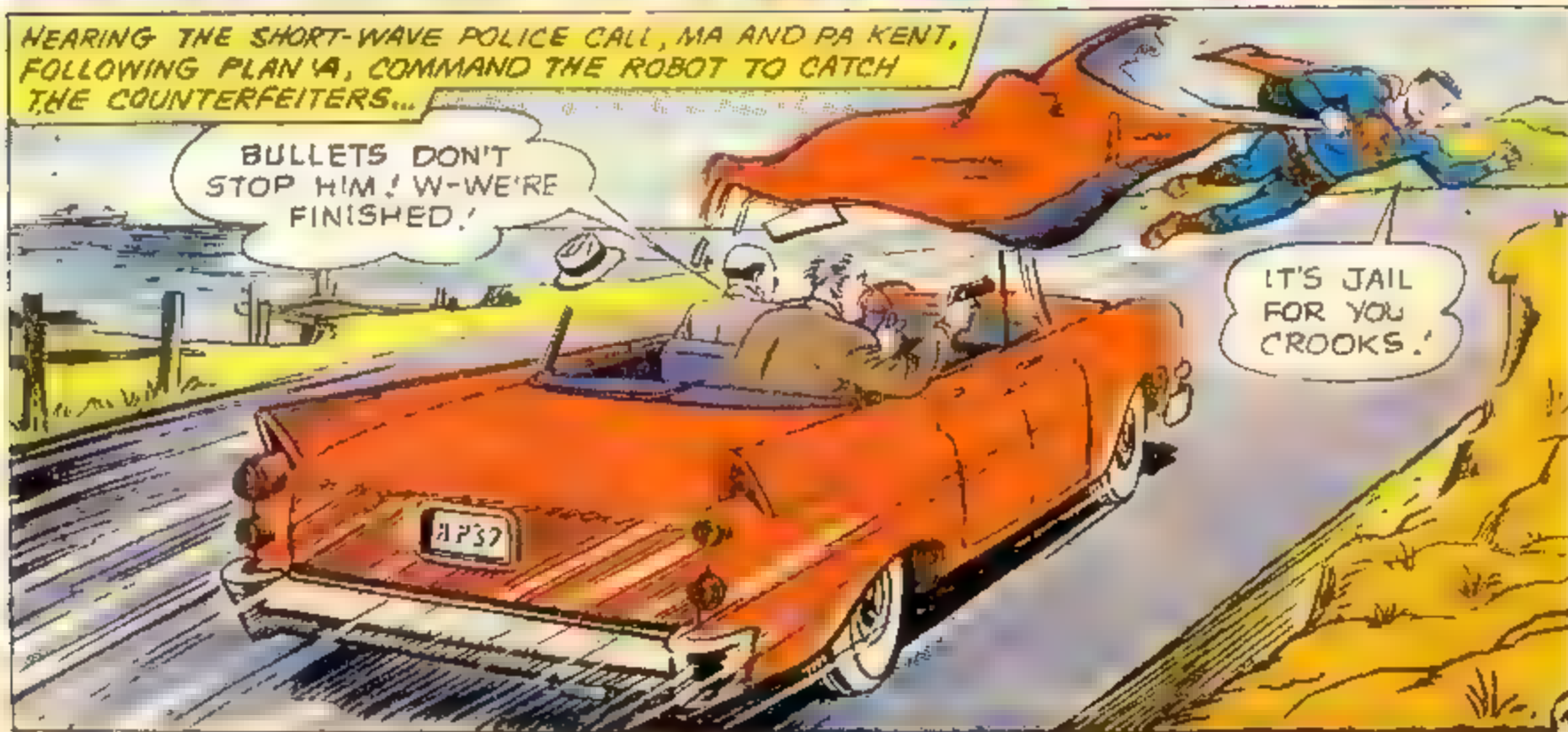
A RED SEDAN IS
SPEEDING AWAY FROM
SHORE... PROBABLY CON-
TAINS MORE GANG
MEMBERS! FLASH
HEADQUARTERS!



HEARING THE SHORT-WAVE POLICE CALL, MA AND PA KENT, FOLLOWING PLAN 'A', COMMAND THE ROBOT TO CATCH THE COUNTERFEITERS...

BULLETS DON'T
STOP HIM! W-WE'RE
FINISHED!

IT'S JAIL
FOR YOU
CROOKS!





LATER, IN JAIL, AS CLARK'S SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP VOICES IN A DISTANT CELL, HIS X-RAY AND TELESCOPIC VISIONS BRING THE SCENE IN VIEW...

WE'LL GET **SUPERBOY** AFTER OUR MEN DIG UP THE KRYPTONITE METEOR WE BURIED BESIDE THE OLD MILL OUTSIDE THIS TOWN

AMAZING--I CAN **SEE** AND **HEAR** THROUGH WALLS!

MAYBE I'M A **SUPERBOY** ROBOT... OR EVEN A SUPER-YOUTH FROM KRYPTON, LIKE **SUPERBOY**! I'D TAKE MYSELF APART, TO SEE IF I'M A ROBOT, BUT MAYBE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REASSEMBLE MYSELF. I DON'T DARE TELL **SUPERBOY** I'M IN TROUBLE-- HE'D DESTROY ME FOR BEING A DEFECTIVE ROBOT!

THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO THE RUMOR THAT AN OLD TUNNEL EXISTS UNDER THIS JAIL?

AN OLD TUNNEL? I'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT!

COULDN'T FIND THE TUNNEL! NOW TO SMASH THOSE CROOKS' PLOT! IF I AM A ROBOT, THE KRYPTONITE WON'T BOTHER ME--

SOON, THE TUNNEL DUG BY CLARK IS FOUND AND AGAIN HIS SECRET IS THREATENED... BUT...

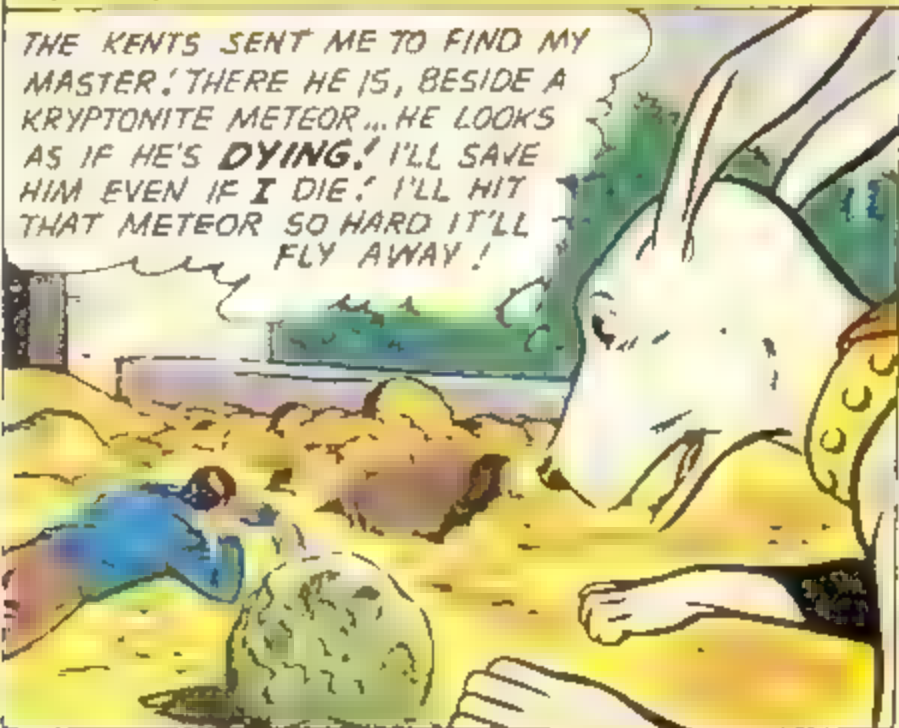
GEE, THAT KID MUST'VE FOUND THE LOST TUNNEL AND ESCAPED THROUGH IT!

PRESENTLY, AT THE OLD MILL...

I'VE DUG UP THE KRYPTONITE, BUT IT DOESN'T AFFECT ME! **CHOKES**! THEN... I'M NOT A **SUPERBOY**, I'M... JUST A ROBOT

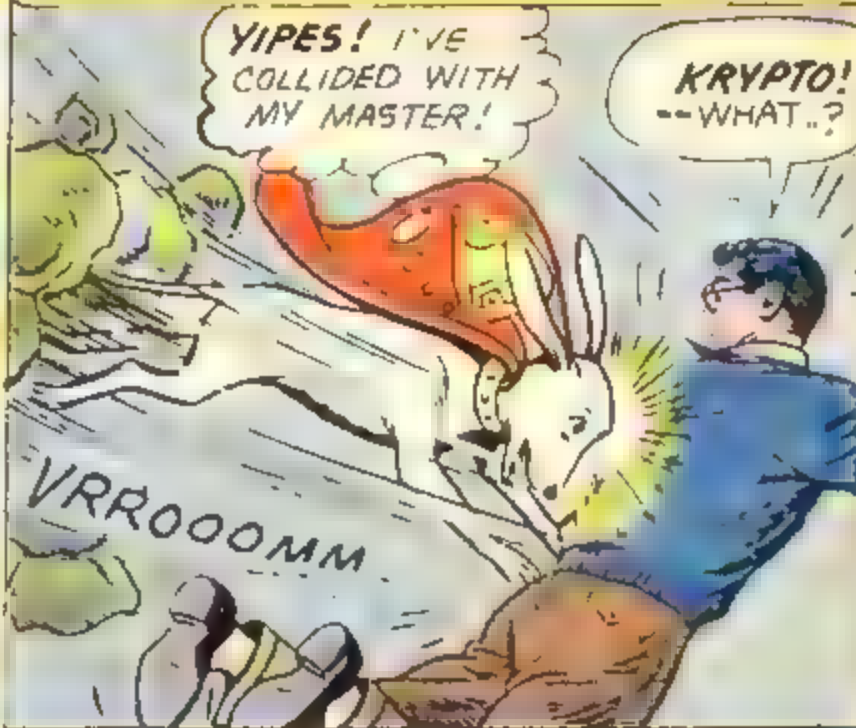


DISAPPOINTED, CLARK COLLAPSES TO THE GROUND, SOBBING, JUST AS **KRYPTO** ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...



THE KENTS SENT ME TO FIND MY MASTER. THERE HE IS, BESIDE A KRYPTONITE METEOR... HE LOOKS AS IF HE'S **DYING**. I'LL SAVE HIM EVEN IF I DIE. I'LL HIT THAT METEOR SO HARD IT'LL FLY AWAY!

BUT **KRYPTO**'S PLUNGE CARRIES HIM **THROUGH** THE METEOR HEAD-ON AGAINST CLARK'S BODY.

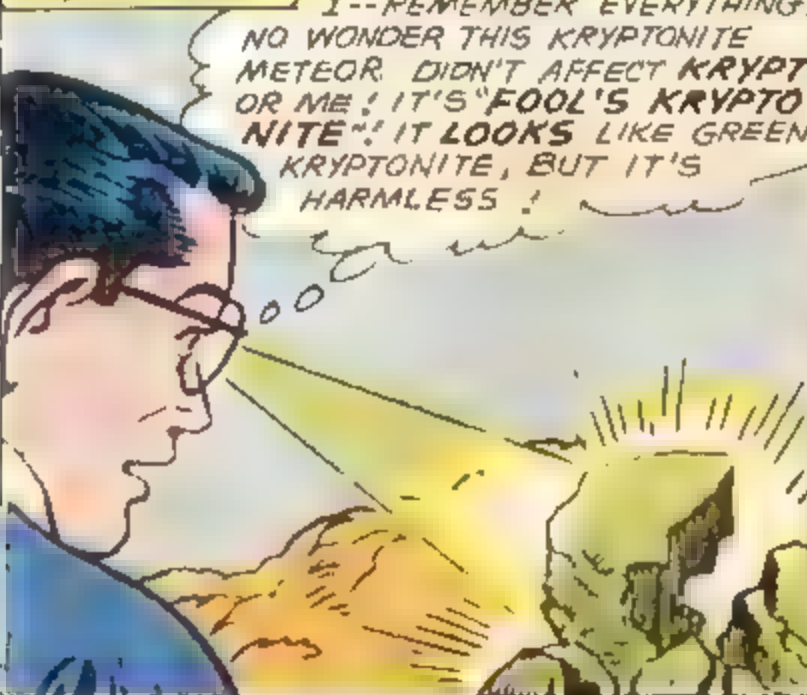


YIPES! I'VE COLLIDED WITH MY MASTER!

KRYPTO! --WHAT..?

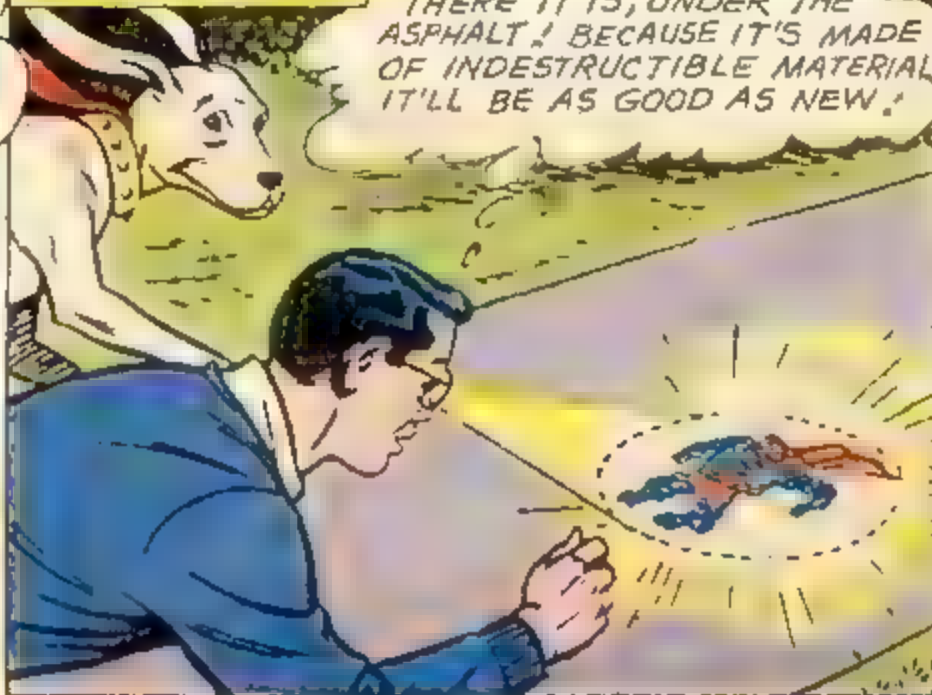
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THE SUPER-CONCUSSION JARS CLARK OUT OF HIS AMNESIA.



I--REMEMBER EVERYTHING! NO WONDER THIS KRYPTONITE METEOR DIDN'T AFFECT **KRYPTO** OR ME! IT'S "**FOOL'S KRYPTONITE**"! IT LOOKS LIKE GREEN KRYPTONITE, BUT IT'S HARMLESS!

SWIFTLY, CLARK FLIES TO WHERE HIS SUPER-COSTUME WAS CAST ASIDE.



THERE IT IS, UNDER THE ASPHALT! BECAUSE IT'S MADE OF INDESTRUCTIBLE MATERIAL, IT'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW!

MELTING THE ASPHALT WITH HIS X-RAY VISION, CLARK DOES THE **SUPERBOY** COSTUME, THEN...



PICNICKERS! THEY'VE SEEN **EVERYTHING**! HOW IRONIC! WHEN MY MEMORY WAS GONE, FATE PROTECTED MY IDENTITY! BUT NOW, ALL THOSE PEOPLE KNOW WHO I AM... THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

BUT FATE STILL FAVORS THE **BOY OF STEEL**!

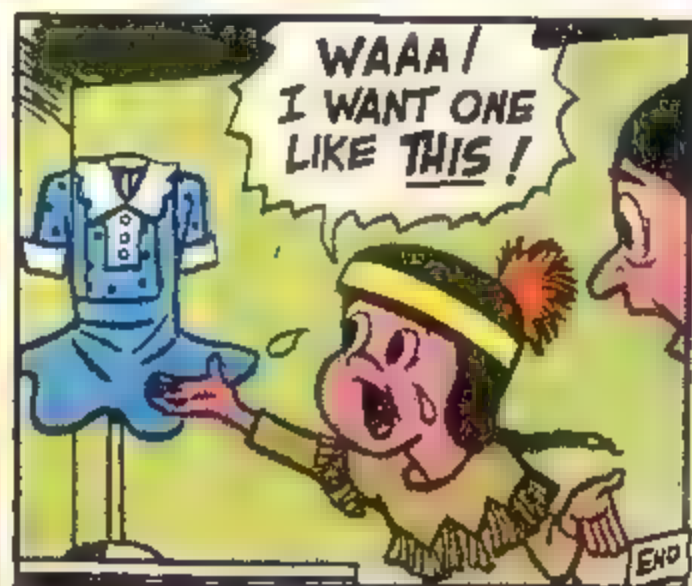


GLAD I JUST WOKE UP IN TIME TO SEE **SUPERBOY** IN ACTION!

THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE THE FOOD, FOLKS!

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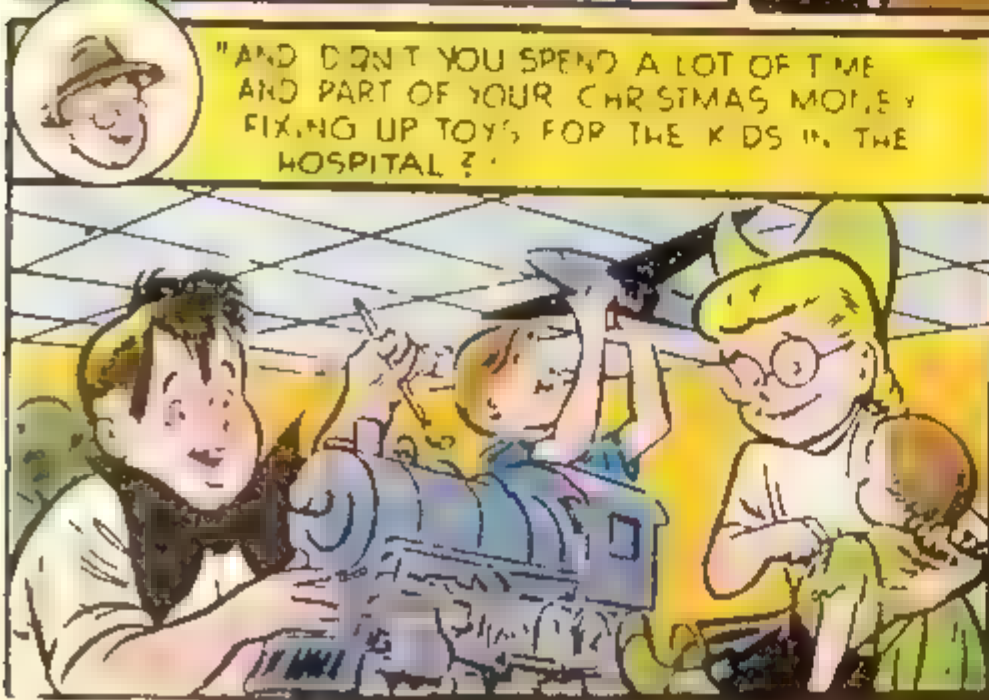
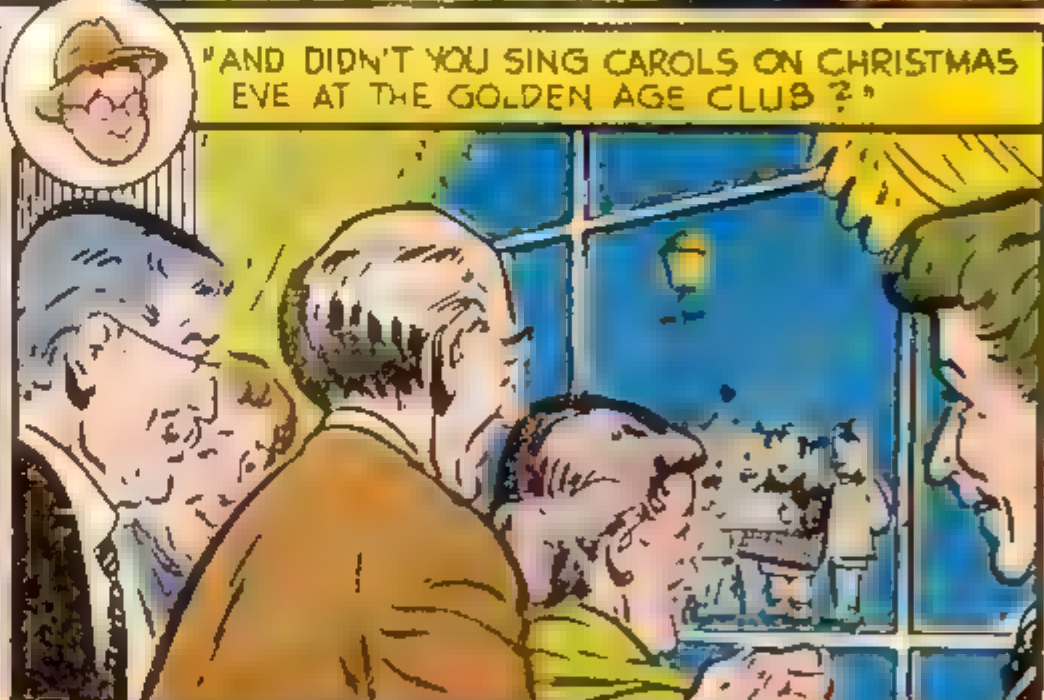
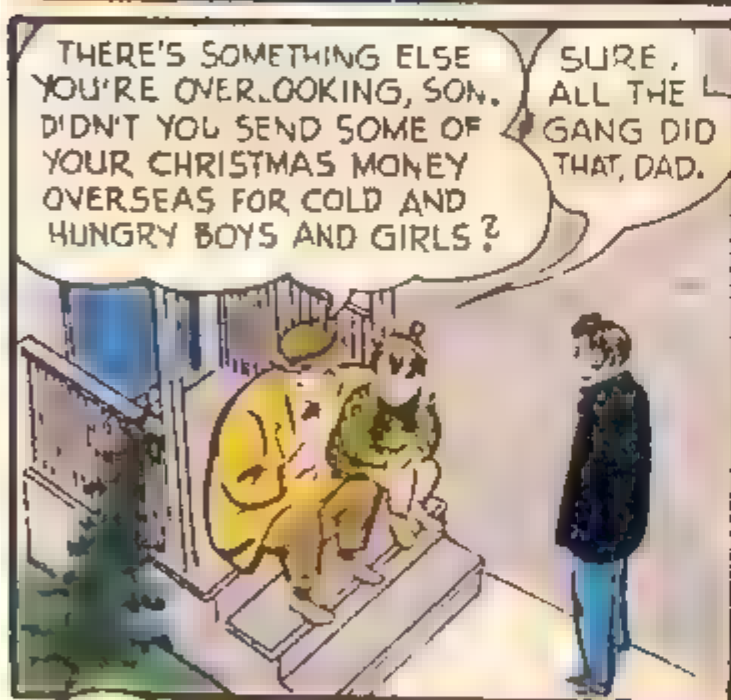
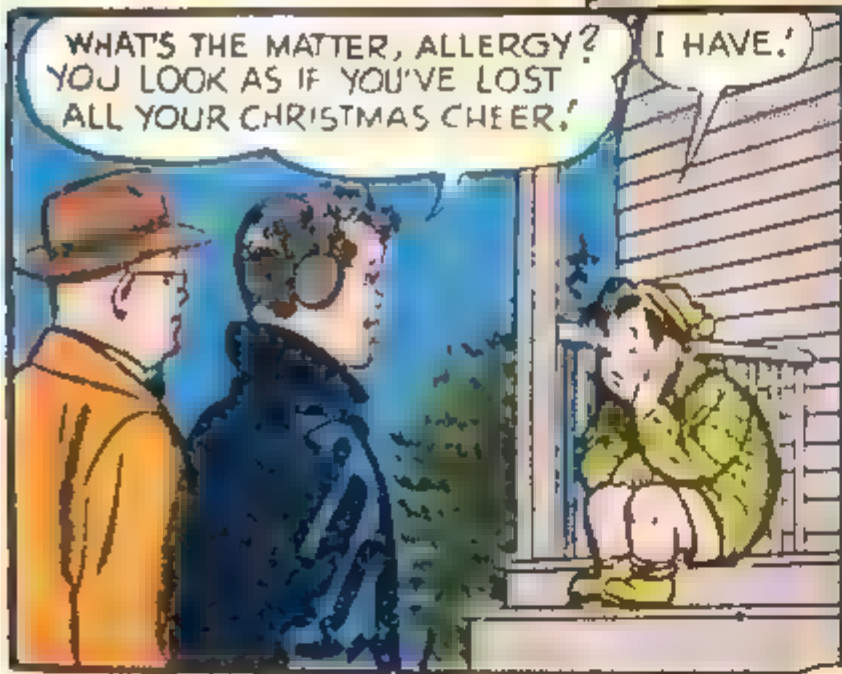
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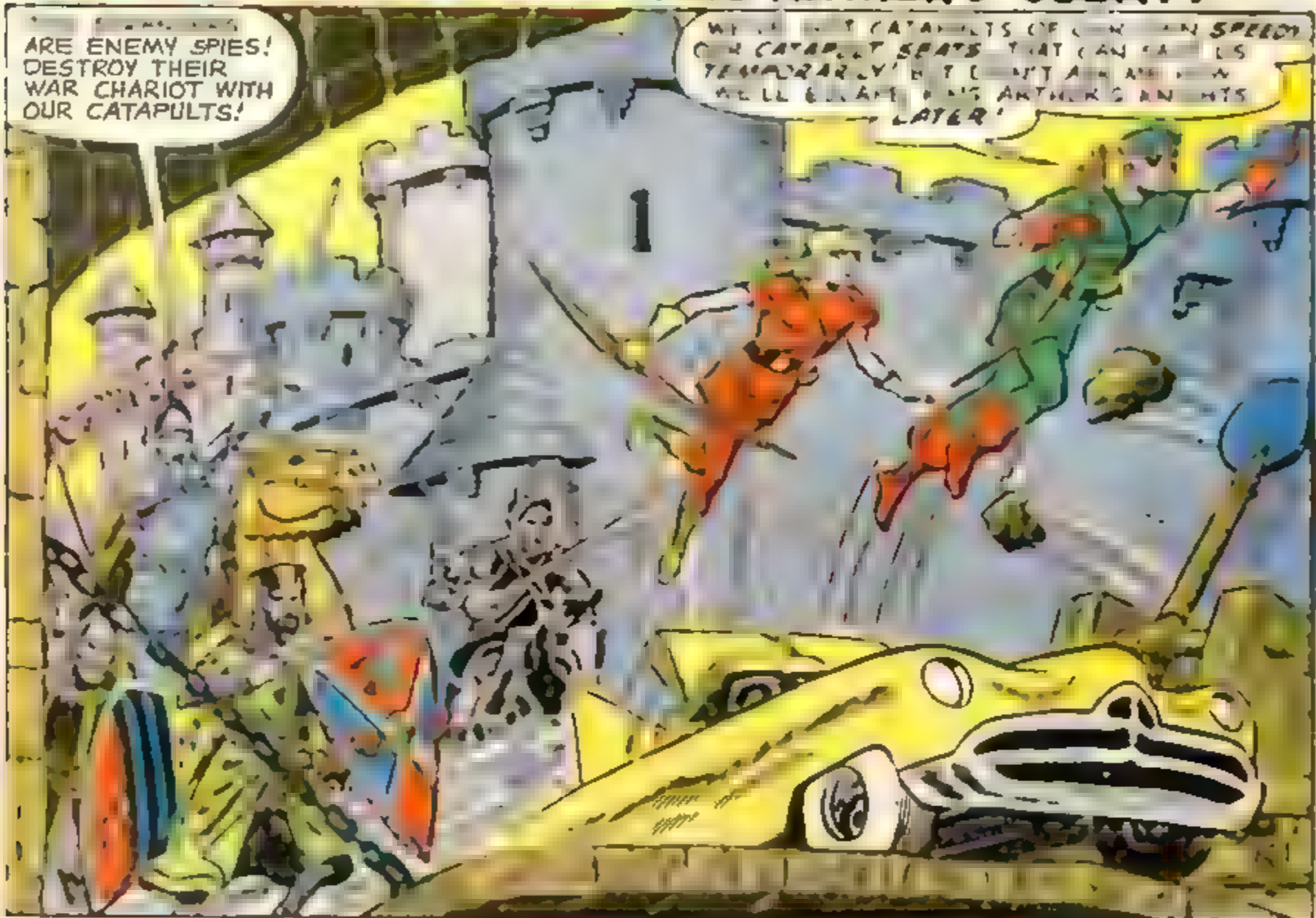
THE GREEN ARROW

ONE AMAZING NIGHT THE GREEN ARROW FINDS HIMSELF IN AN AMAZING SITUATION. HE MEETS THE KING OF THE ISLAND OF AVALON AND AT THE SAME TIME MEETS THE NEWLY NAMED ARROW AND HIS BROTHER ARROW. THE ARROW AND HIS BROTHER ARROW ARE THE FASTEST AND MOST POWERFUL MEN IN THE WORLD AND THEIR ASTONISHING ADVENTURES AS TWENTIETH CENTURY KNIGHTS OF KING ARTHUR'S SIXTH CENTURY ROUND TABLE, IS THE INCREDIBLE TALE OF...

The GREEN ARROW in KING ARTHUR'S COURT!

ARE ENEMY SPIES! DESTROY THEIR WAR CHARIOT WITH OUR CATAPULTS!

WE WILL NOT CATAULTS OF ENEMY SPIES! WE WILL NOT CATAULT SEATS THAT CAN FALLS TEMPORARILY! WE WILL NOT CATAULT SEATS THAT CAN FALLS TEMPORARILY! WE WILL NOT CATAULT SEATS THAT CAN FALLS TEMPORARILY!



ONE NIGHT, AT OLIVER Q. WARD, ROY HARPER, PR FOR SCHOOL...

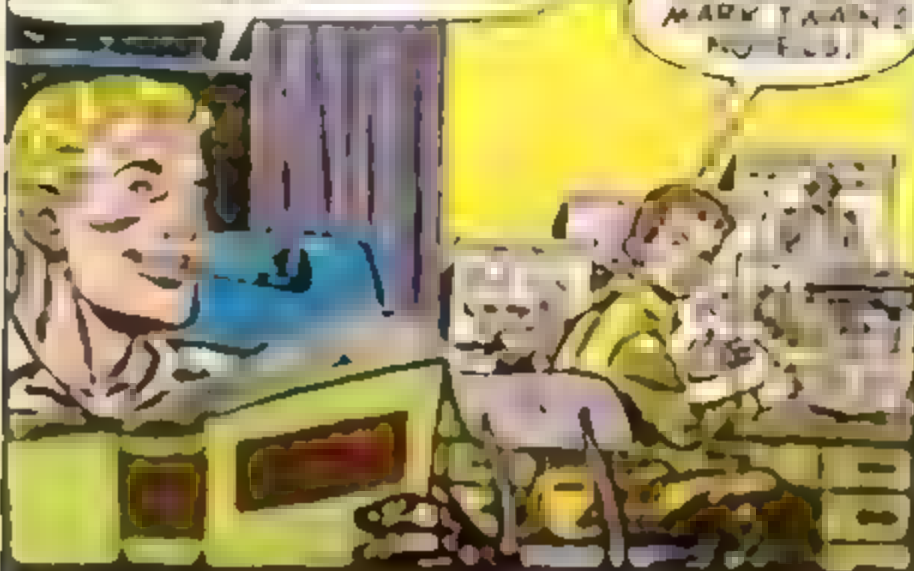
MANY INTERESTING FACTS ARE IN THIS OLD ALMANAC, ROY! LIKE THE DATES OF ANCIENT EARTH-QUAKES, ECLIPSES AND...

NEVER MIND THAT, OLIVER!

MARK TWAIN'S NOVEL...

SO FAR I HAVE COMPLETED THE HISTORY OF MARK TWAIN'S NOVEL 'THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER'!

MARK TWAIN BOOK REPORT! CHARTER...





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SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

OLIVER, LOOK! A FLARE ARROW! THE POLICE ARE TRYING TO SIGNAL US! WE MUST SWITCH INTO OUR GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY COSTUMES!

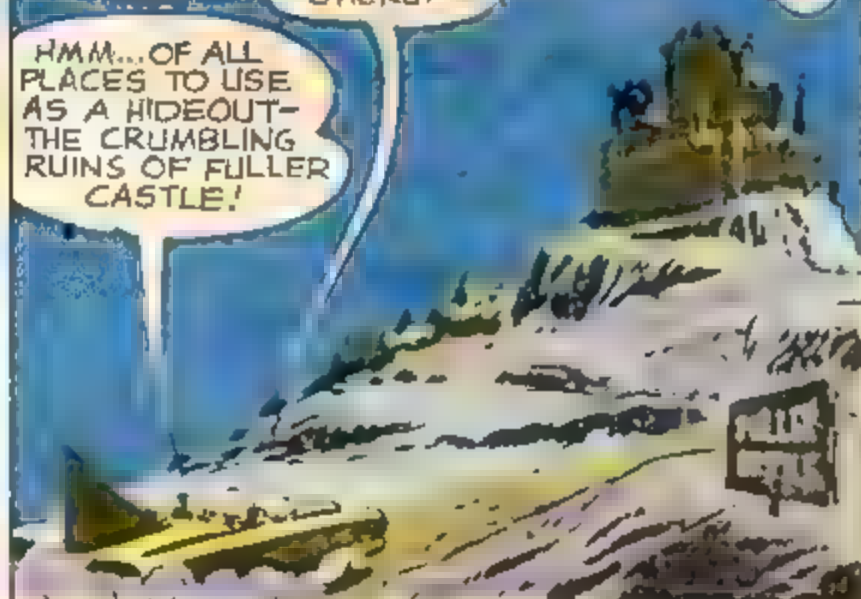
RIGHT! WE'LL CONTACT POLICE HEADQUARTERS OVER OUR ARROW CAR RADIO AND FIND OUT WHAT'S UP!



PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE STAR CITY...

G.A.! THERE'S THE GETAWAY CAR THE POLICE RADIOED US ABOUT! THE ONE USED IN THAT COUNTRY CLUB STICKUP!

HMM...OF ALL PLACES TO USE AS A HIDEOUT-THE CRUMBLING RUINS OF FULLER CASTLE!



THE CASTLE'S OVER A THOUSAND YEARS OLD! FULLER A BILLIONAIRE, TRANSPORTED IT IN 1900 FROM ENGLAND STONE BY STONE! R. MORRIS SAYS THAT ANCIENT GHOSTS STILL HAUNT IT!

BUT THOSE CROOKS AREN'T GHOSTS! LET'S GET 'EM, G.A.!



SHORTLY, INSIDE THE CASTLE

WHAT A STRANGE UNREAL ATMOSPHERE. AS IF WE STEPPED INTO THE PAST!

YOU SURE STEPPED INTO SOMETHIN', SPEEDY! ONLY IT EN'T THE PAST! IT'S A GAS GRENADE THAT'LL PUT YOU AND THE G.A. TO SLEEP!



SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER

'GASP!' I I CAN'T SEE, G.A. I CAN'T LET MY HEAD OHHHH

'GASP!' BEFORE I PASS OUT I'LL FIRE A FLARE ARROW. A TINY FLARE, DRIVEN BY AN EXTRA POWERFUL MOTOR! MAYBE JUST MAYBE OHHHH

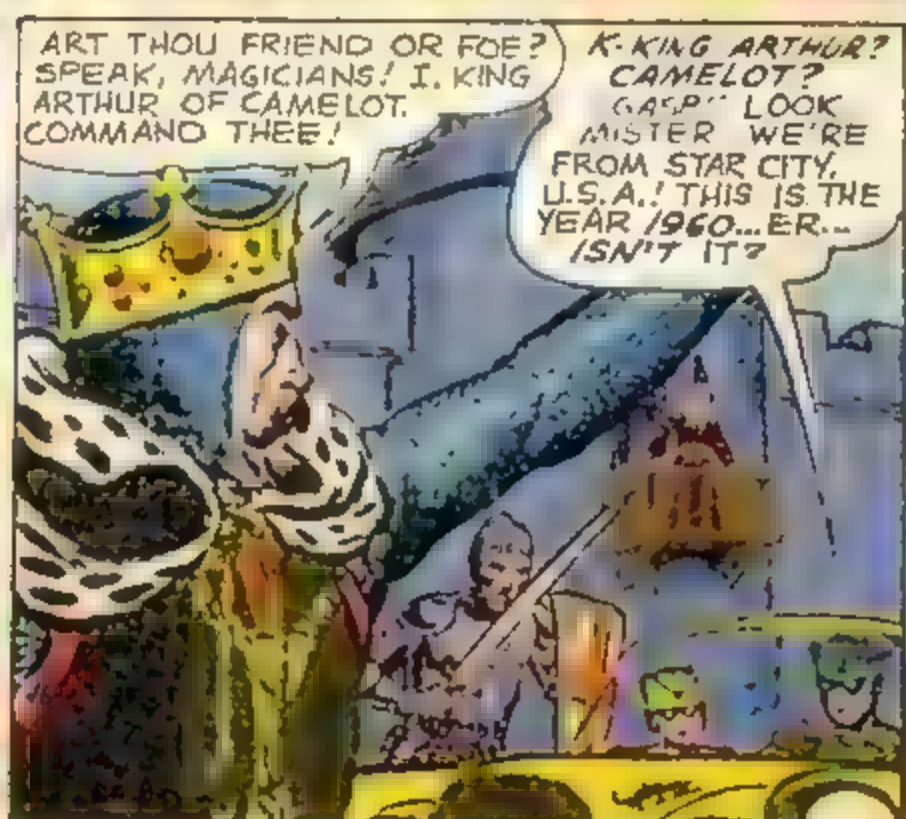
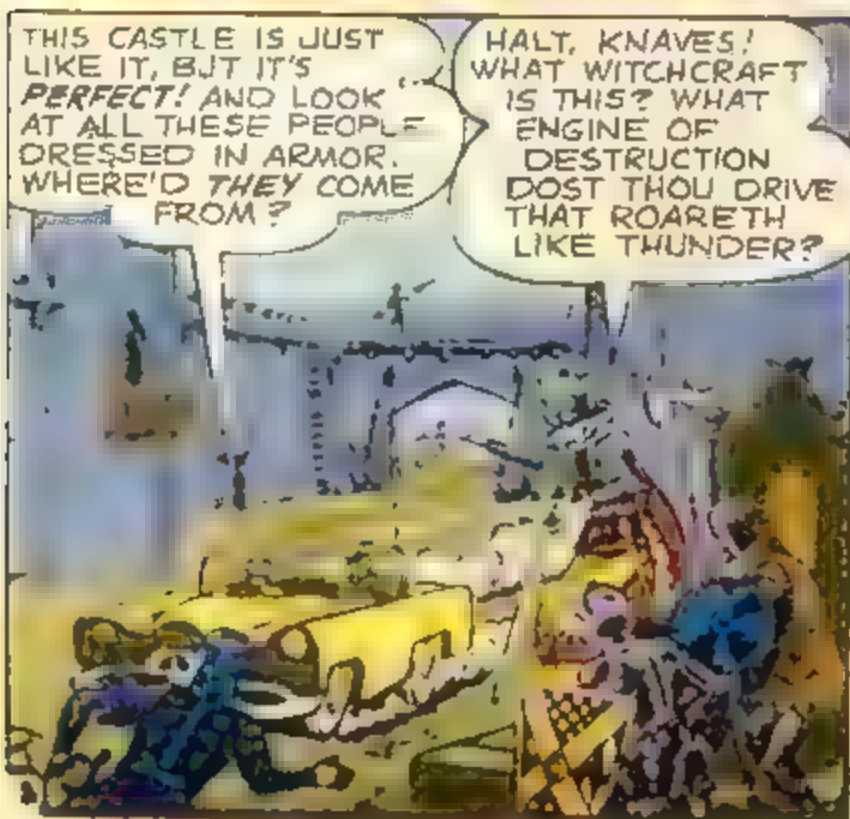
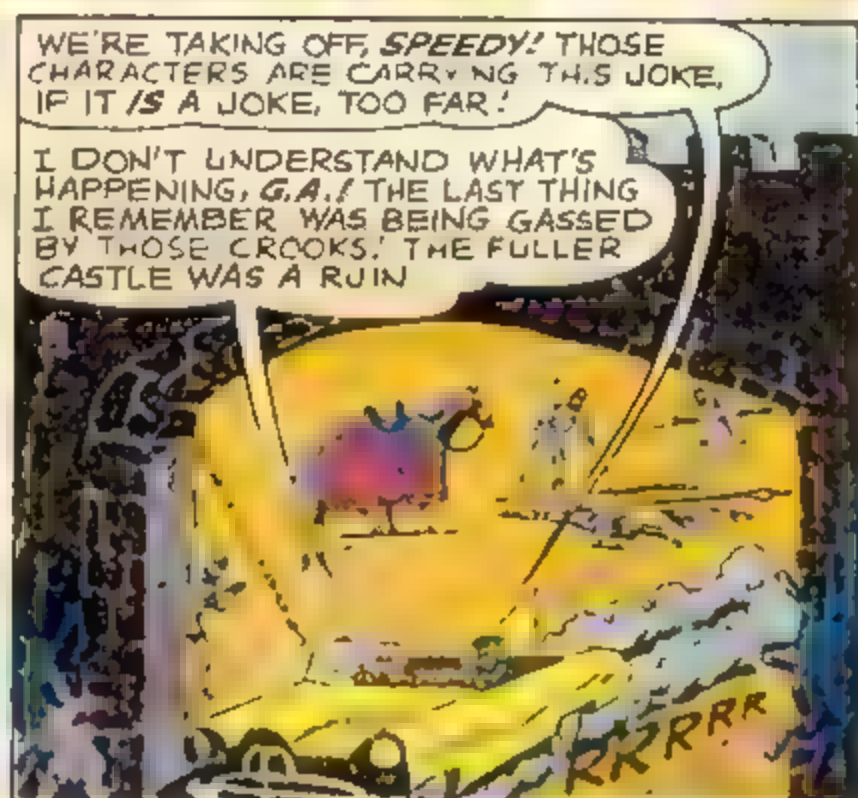
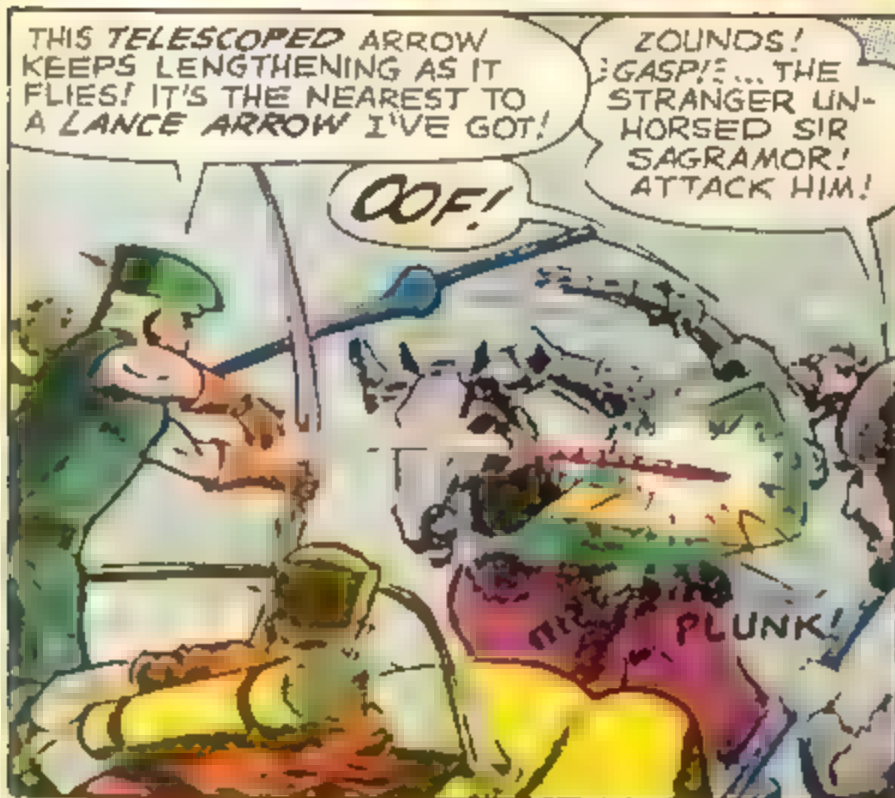
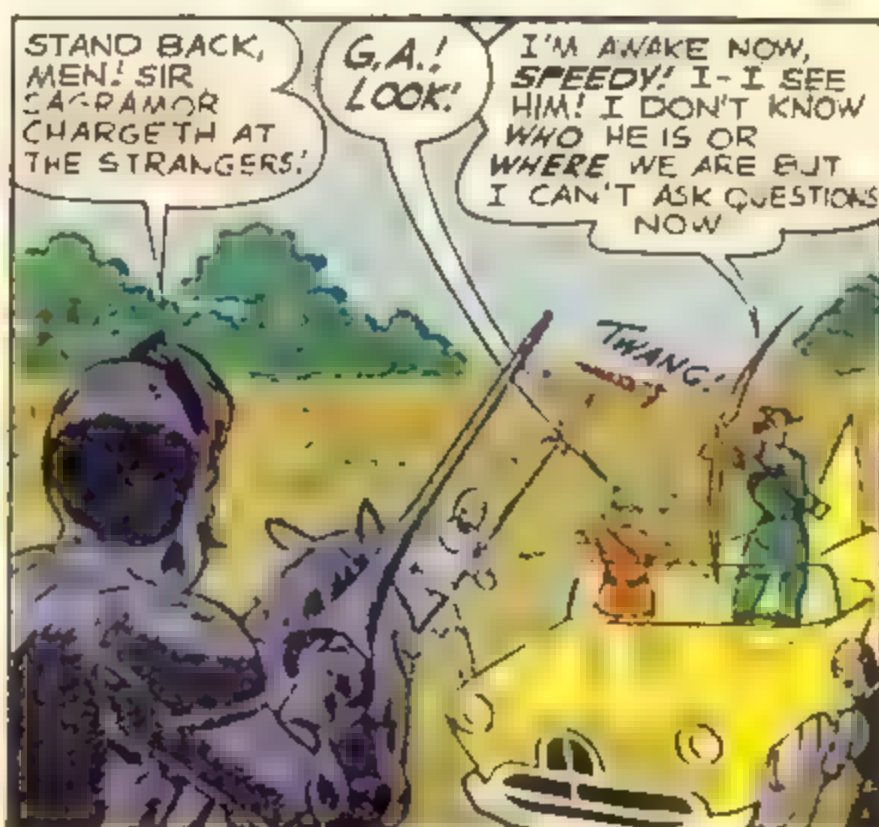
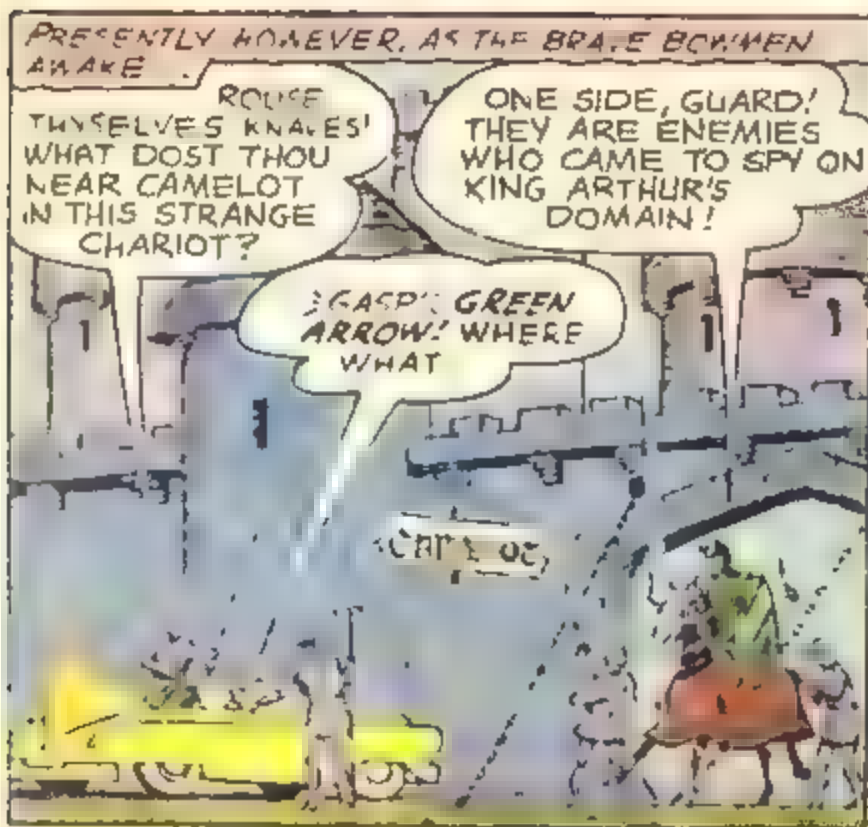


BUT SOON THERE IS SILENCE WITHIN THE CRUMBLING RUIN. THE SILENCE OF FORGOTTEN CENTURES OF DUSTY SECRETS THAT CANNOT BE TOLD. AND THE SILENCE OF SPEECHLESS HODIES LYING ON THE COLD STONE FLOOR





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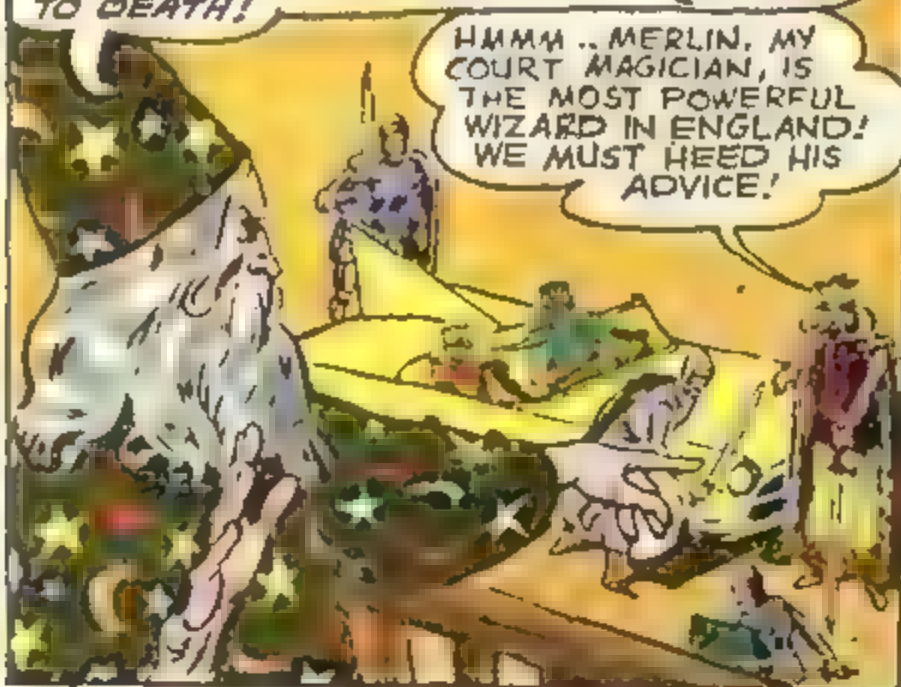


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WAIT! I HEARD THE STRANGERS SPEAK! THERE IS NO U.S.A. AND THIS IS JUNE 21, 528! O KING, THESE ARE WICKED SORCERERS! PUT THEM TO DEATH!

HMM... MERLIN, MY COURT MAGICIAN, IS THE MOST POWERFUL WIZARD IN ENGLAND! WE MUST HEED HIS ADVICE!



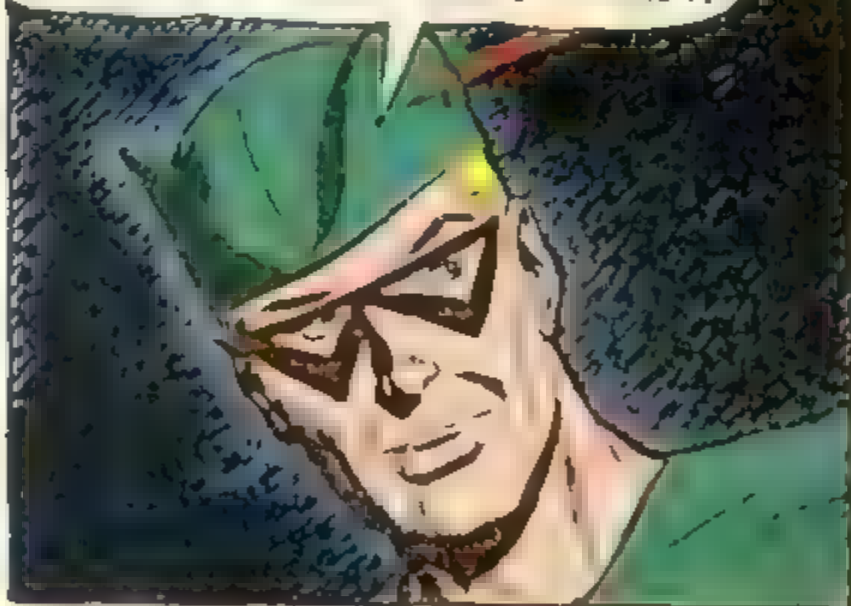
APPARENTLY THESE FOOLS ARE IN DEADLY FEAR OF MAGIC!

HOLD! MY MAGIC IS MORE POWERFUL EVEN THAN MERLIN'S! I WILL BLOT OUT THE NOONDAY SUN WITH AN ARROW. WATCH!

ARE YOU CRAZY, G.A.? NO TRICK ARROW CAN CAUSE AN ECLIPSE!



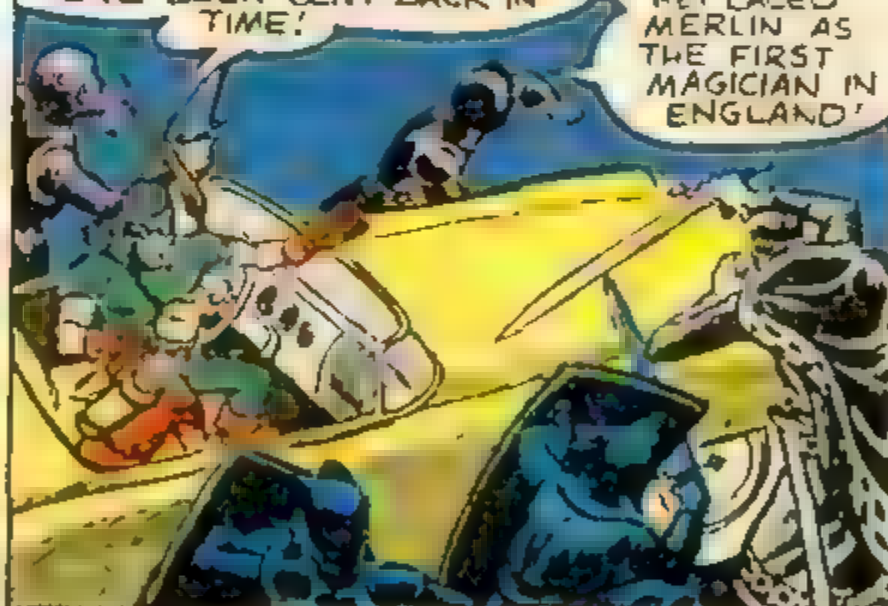
TUSH, SPEEDY! I KNOW NO ARROW CAN MOVE THE MOON IN FRONT OF THE SUN! BUT REMEMBER THAT ALMANAC? I RECALL FROM READING IT THAT AN ECLIPSE OCCURRED AT NOON ON JUNE 21, 528! LOOK! IT'S GROWING DARK ALREADY!



PRESENTLY...

IT'S A TOTAL ECLIPSE! GASP! SPEEDY. THIS PROVES WE'RE ACTUALLY LIVING IN 528 A.D.! WE'VE BEEN SENT BACK IN TIME!

GASP! 'TIS FANTASTIC MAGIC, STRANGER! THOU HAST REPLACED MERLIN AS THE FIRST MAGICIAN IN ENGLAND!



BUT AS THE SUN REAPPEARS

SHOW US MORE MIRVE'S STRANGER!

FOOLS! HE CAN'T PRODUCE MARVELS! HE'S A FRAUD!

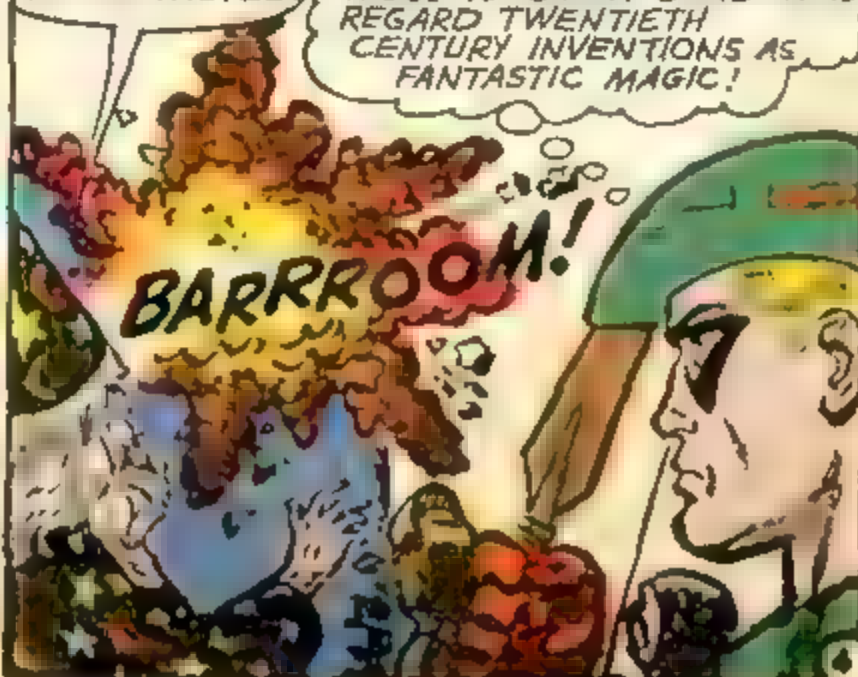
FRAUD, AM I? VERY WELL, MERLIN! I'LL BLAST YOUR TOWER INTO RUBBLE WITH A SINGLE ARROW!

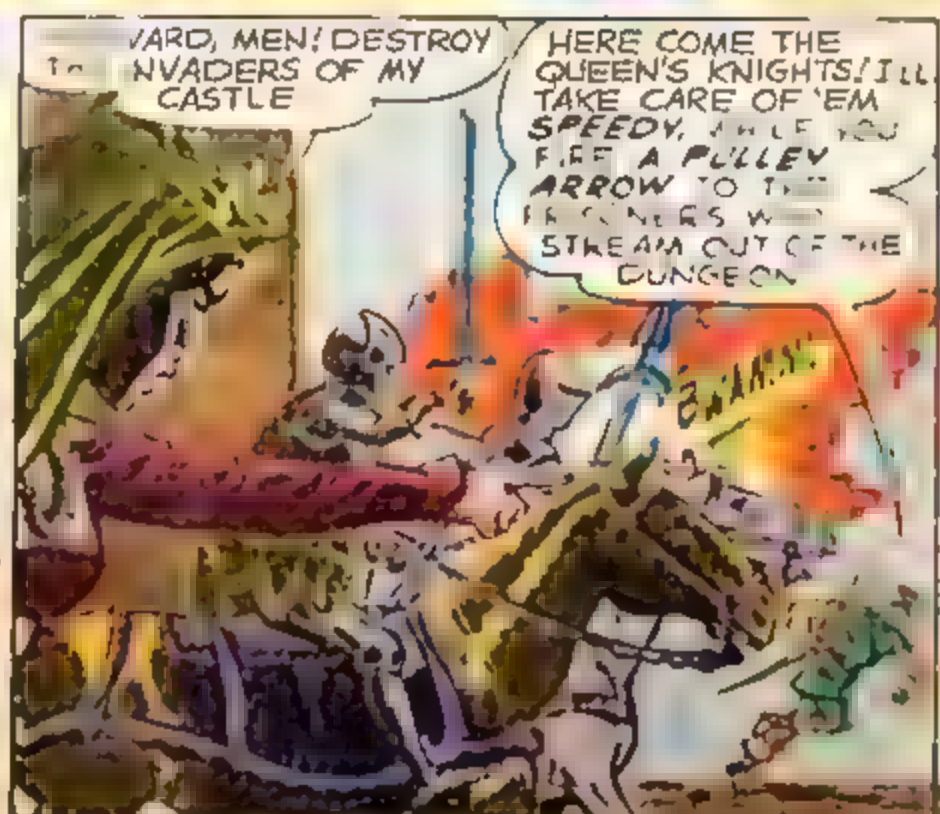
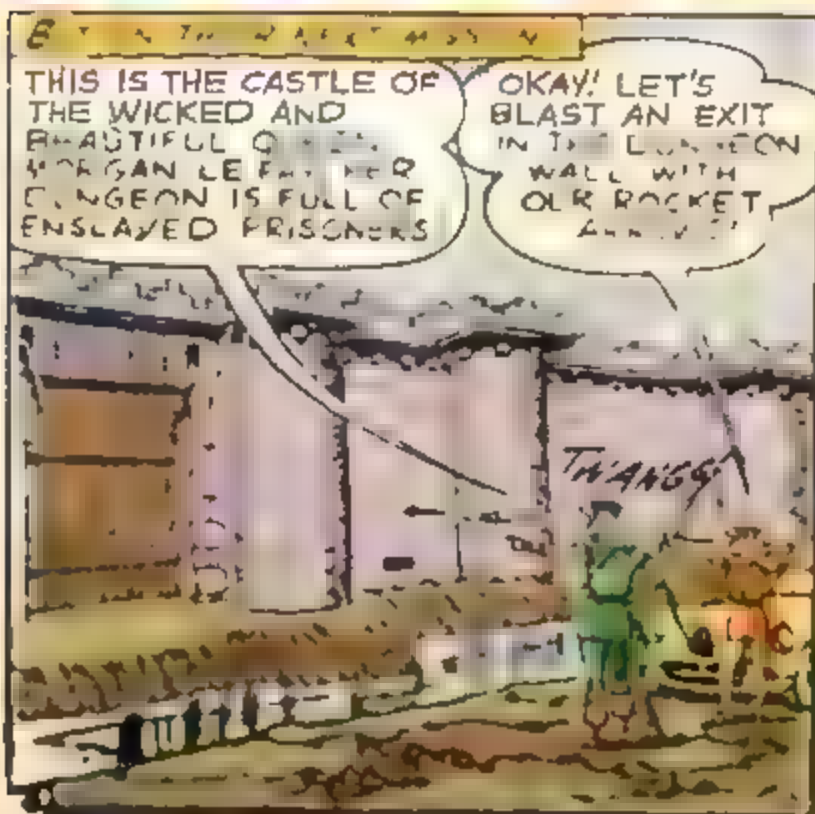
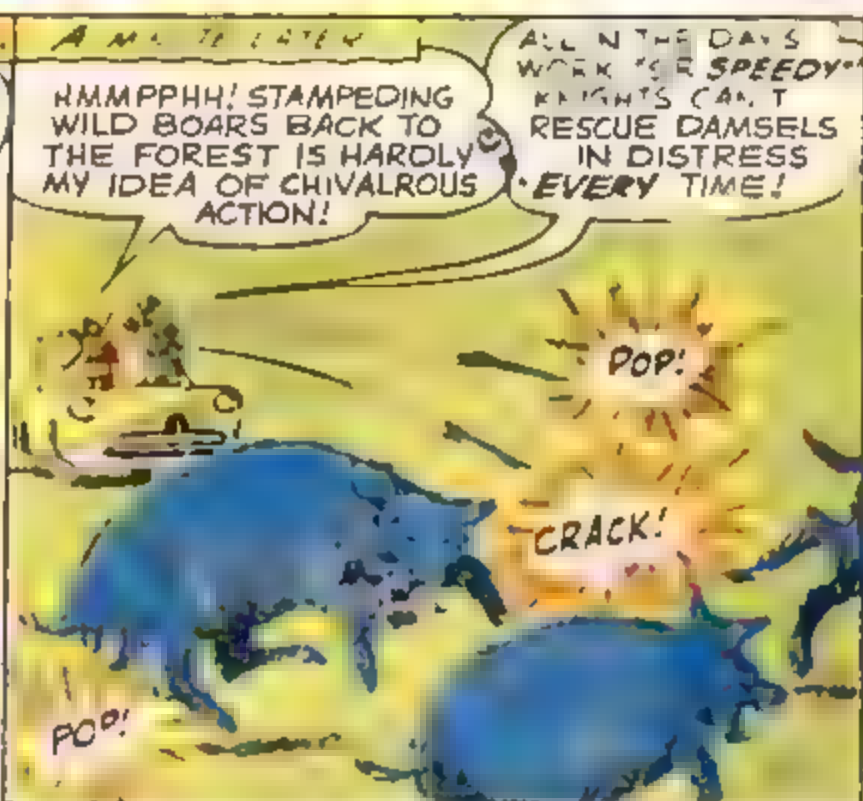
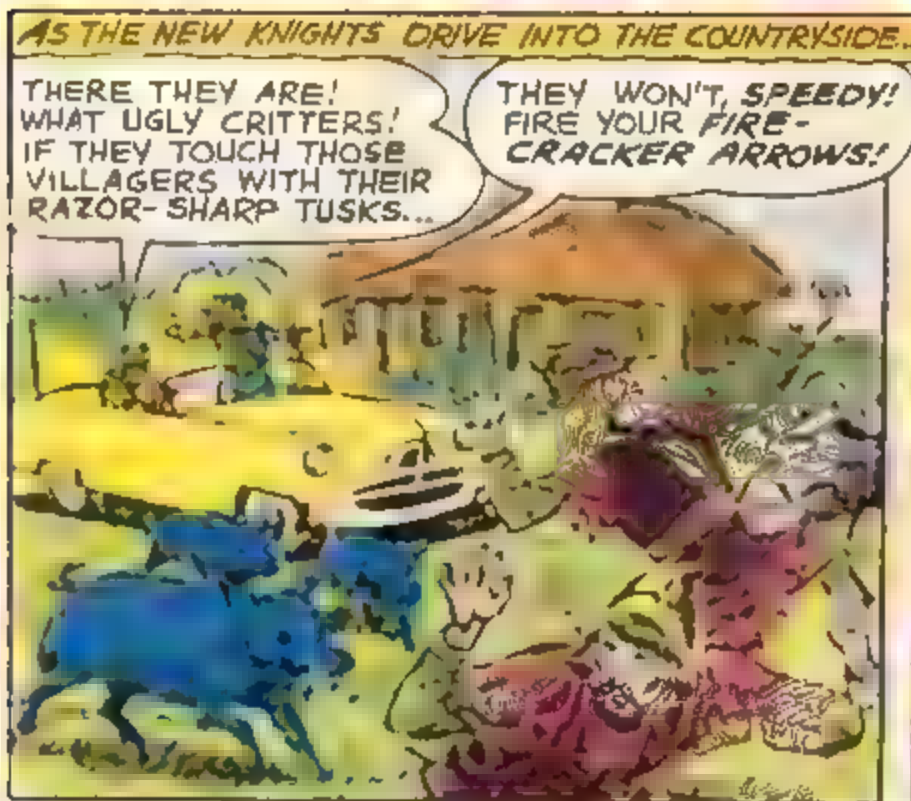


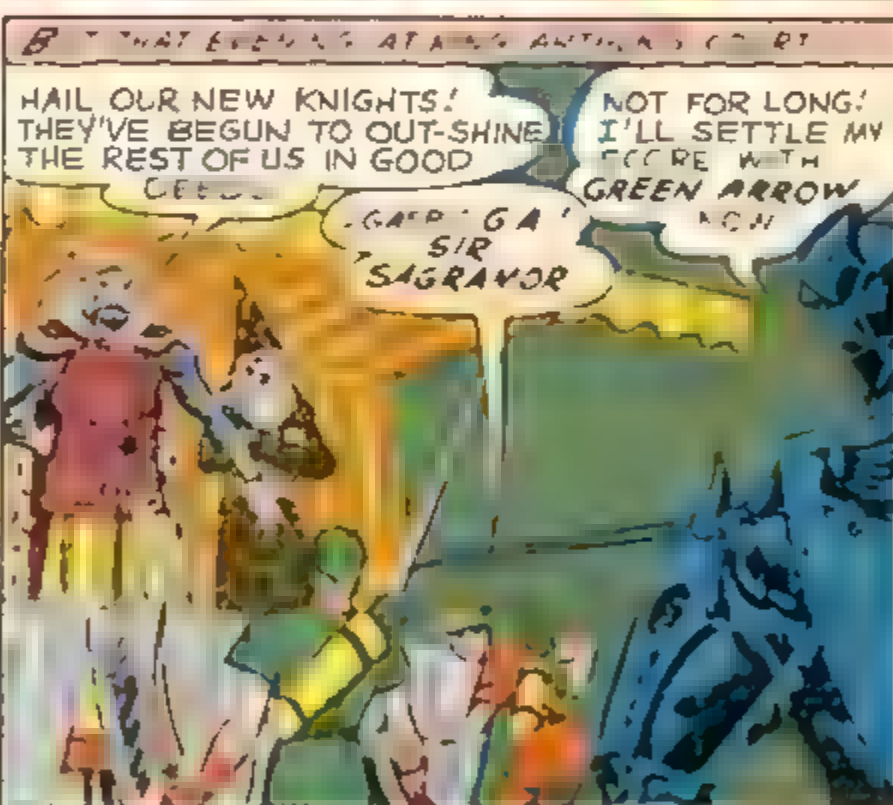
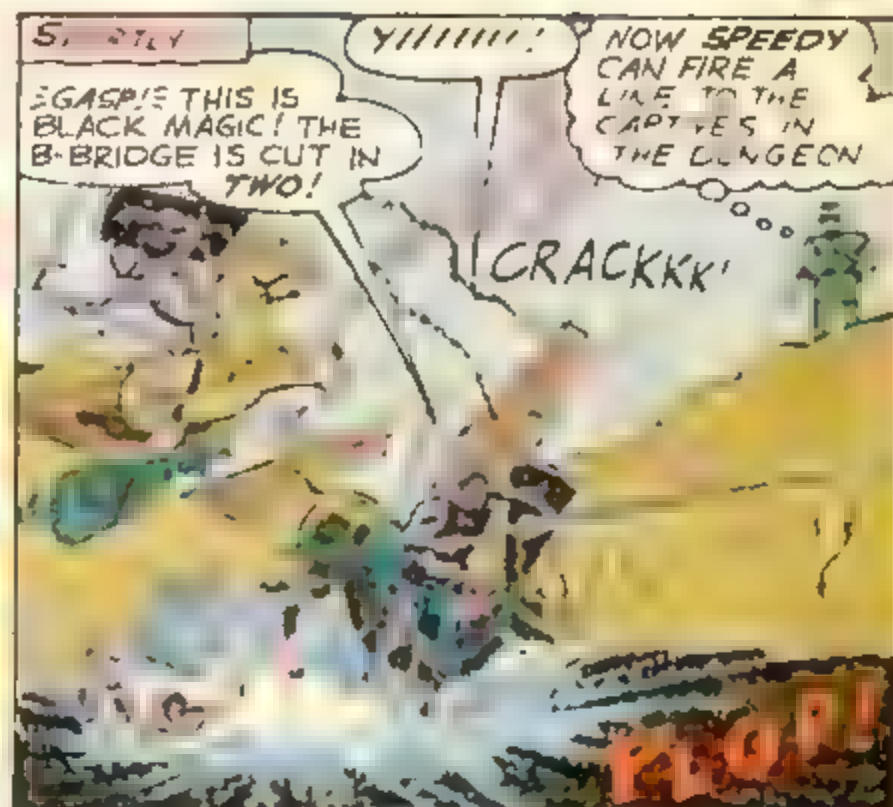
GASP! 'TIS BLACK MAGIC! MY TOWER IS DESTROYED!

THANKS TO MY DYNAMITE ARROW! SPEEDY AND I WILL BE SAFE HERE AS LONG AS THESE IGNORANT BARBARIANS REGARD TWENTIETH CENTURY INVENTIONS AS FANTASTIC MAGIC!

BARRROOM!









THAT A GUY AS THE TWINS OF THE TWANGING
BOW RETIRE

IT WAS THOUGHTFUL OF THIS
OLD WOMAN TO BRING US
MILK B-FORE WE GO TO
BED! I... **GASPIE... G.A.!**
T-THE ROOM IS TURNING
AROUND!

GASPIE... I-I'M
GETTING DIZZY,
TOO! T-THERE'S
SOMETHING IN
THIS MILK!



AYE! A MAGICAL POTION THAT I, MERLIN, IN
THE DISGUISE OF AN OLD WOMAN, PREPARED
TO MAKE THEE FALL INTO AN ENCHANTED
SLEEP! HA! HA! NOW I AM RID OF THY
RIVALRY FOREVER!

**GASPIE
MERLIN!**
Y-YOU
REVENGED
YOURSELF.
OH HHHHH!



SOON AFTER H-WA-TER AS THE SLEEPERS
AWAKE

GASPIE WE'RE BACK IN
FULLER'S CASTLE! **G.A.!**
THOSE CROOKS... THEY'RE
STILL HERE! THEY FELL
ASLEEP, TOO!

THANKS TO THE
FAN ARROW I
FIRED BEFORE
I PASSED OUT,
SPEEDY! THE
FAN BLEW THE
CAS THEIR WAY,
TOO! NOW WE
CAN JAIL 'EM!



THE NEXT DAY, AT OLIVER QUEEN'S HOUSE...

SPEEDY, I'M RECORDING OUR
EXPERIENCE IN THE GREEN
ARROW'S CASE FILE! BUT I-
I CAN'T DECIDE! DID WE
DREAM EVERYTHING?
LIKE THAT ECLIPSE...?

GASPIE ECLIPSE?
THAT'S FUNNY
THE HERO IN "A
CONNECTICUT
YANKEE IN KING
ARTHUR'S COURT"
ALSO SAVED HIS
LIFE BY PRETEND-
ING TO CAUSE AN
ECLIPSE!



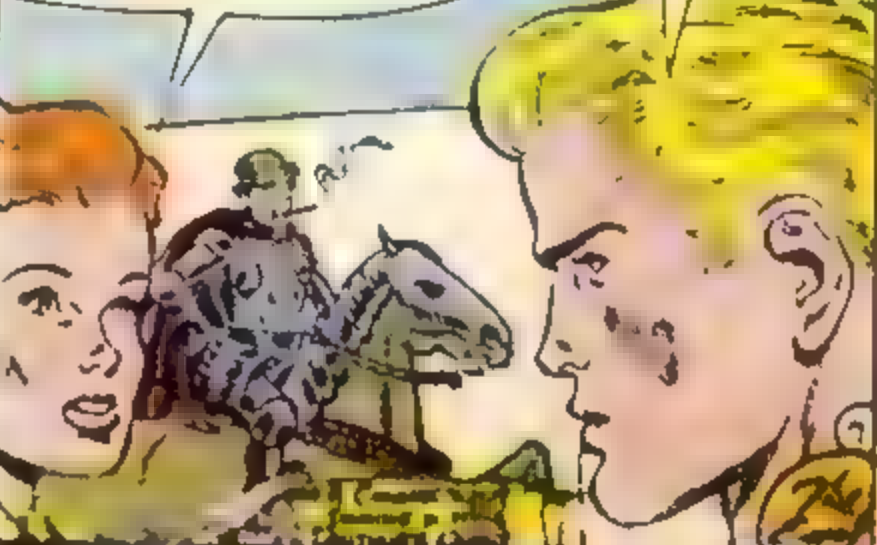
HE ALSO RECALLED AN ALMANAC
DATE OF AN ECLIPSE ON JUNE
21, 528! THEN, HE, TOO, "MAGICALLY"
DYNAMITED MERLIN'S TOWER
AND DEFEATED SIR SAGRADOR
WITH A LASSO!

G.A.!
THEN WE
ACTUALLY
RELIVED
MARK
TWAIN'S
STORY!



HMM... WE WERE READING
"CONNECTICUT YANKEE"
BEFORE WE PURSUED
THOSE THIEVES! AFTER
BEING GASSED MAYBE
WE RELIVED THE INCIDENTS
OF THE BOOK BY DREAMING
THE SAME DREAM!

OF GREEN
ARROW IN KING
ARTHUR'S COURT,
EH? SIGH...
ALAS, **SPEEDY**,
WE'LL NEVER
REALLY KNOW!





Dear Editor:

Why are you so mean to AQUAMAN? The Man of Steel has Jimmy Olsen; Batman has Robin; the Green Arrow has Speedy. Inasmuch as almost every DC hero has a pal, why should AQUAMAN be alone in the world?—Donna C. Day.

(We're not as heartless as you think, Donna. A beautiful friendship between AQUAMAN and a new sea pal begins in our next issue.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Ordinarily I think little of scientific errors which appear in your stories, and I have yet to register a complaint. But when a conscientious reader informs you of an error and you erroneously tell him that he has "goofed," I feel I must protest. I am referring to the letter written by Dennis Beecher which appeared recently. The signals from satellites which you speak of, are transverse electromagnetic disturbances which travel at the speed of light and require no medium for propagation. Any sound, supersonic or otherwise, such as SUPERBOY would make by whistling, would be a longitudinal disturbance, which would be propagated by the interactions of the molecules or atoms of the medium itself. Hence it would be impossible for KRYPTO to hear such a whistle in outer space, with no medium for propagation. Perhaps in the future it would be wise if you did a little research before answering such questions.—David C. Carey, Montclair, N. J.

(We stand corrected. Other astute readers who came to the defense of Mr. Beecher include John Tvedtnes, Salt Lake City; Alice Cochran, Kane, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Florek, Lincoln Park, Michigan. Meanwhile, we are preparing a new story which will explain how KRYPTO is able to hear SUPERBOY's "supersonic" whistle across the vastness of space.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

How is it possible for Clark Kent to go through life, without a birth certificate? He could not have one since he was born on the planet Krypton, not on the planet Earth. It is usually checked when going to school. Please explain.—Peter Umans & Fred Jablonsky, New York.

(When Ma and Pa Kent discovered the rocket which brought Superbaby to Earth, they "abandoned" the infant on the doorstep of the Smallville Orphanage, then legally adopted the child quickly thereafter. Thus, Clark Kent has adoption papers which are perfectly legal. You'll find much of this origin retold in a story, "The Origin of SUPERBOY's Super-Suit," in the issue of SUPERBOY now on sale.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In the story "The First Superboy" there is a scene wherein Pa Kent loses KRYPTO by the

collar and prevents him from attacking SUPERMAN. Can you tell me how Pa Kent is strong enough to hold back the Super-Dog? I think someone goofed.—Butch Pulk, Dearborn, Mich

(Pa Kent wasn't restraining KRYPTO through physical superiority; he was commanding KRYPTO to obey him. How many times have you seen an Indian mahout make a huge elephant obey him, even though the elephant could crush him with one blow?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In "The First Superman Robot" you clearly stated that Clark Kent's disguise wasn't in the cape's pouch because nothing from the future could materialize in the past other than SUPERMAN and his super-suit, which is indestructible. What happened? Where were his indestructible glasses?—Dee Thurman, Bryan, Texas

(Obviously Clark must have left them on his dresser bureau in his apartment in Metropolis at the moment the time-switch occurred.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I enjoy all the stories which feature KRYPTO, the Dog of Setel, especially those which show us his romps in space. More, please!—Billy Gumm, Chicago, Ill

(SUPERDOG encounters more interplanetary adventures in the next issue of this magazine, but we don't think he enjoys them—particularly when he meets up with a new master!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In SUPERBOY stories, Lana Lang is usually the heroine. In SUPERMAN tales, Lois Lane takes the spotlight. Which of the two girls will Clark marry when he decides to settle down . . . some future day, I hope?—Saul Smith, Las Vegas, Nevada

(We suggest you consult the three-part novel, "The Super-Family of Steel," to be featured in the next issue of LOIS LANE Comics.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I enjoy all your AQUAMAN stories, except for one frequent mistake. You often show AQUAMAN using his electric eel in the seas. But according to the facts, an electric eel is a fresh water fish and, if it tried to pull any electrical shenanigans in salt water, it would short-circuit itself to death. So how can the electrical eels help AQUAMAN in salt water?—Gary Shepherd, Fremont, Ohio.

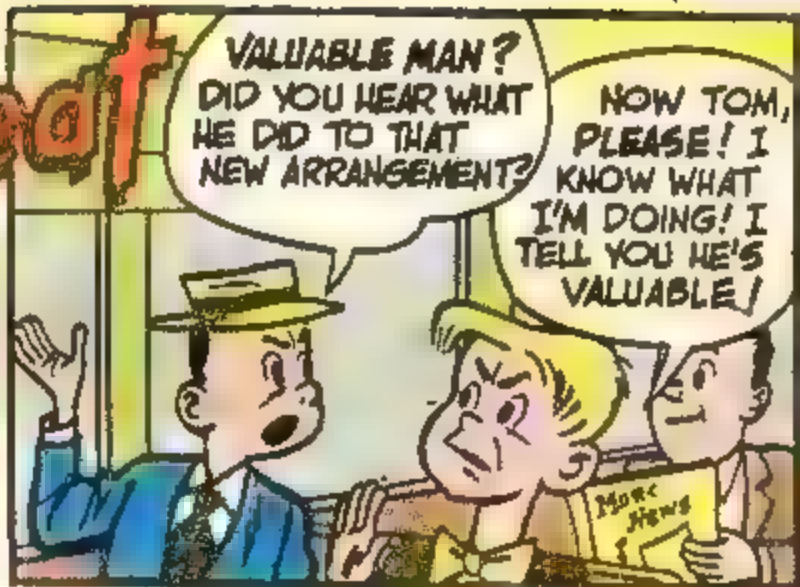
(That's a shocking fact you're telling us, eh, wait? We'll have to tell our AQUAMAN writer to go ohm.—Ed.)

Danny Downbeat



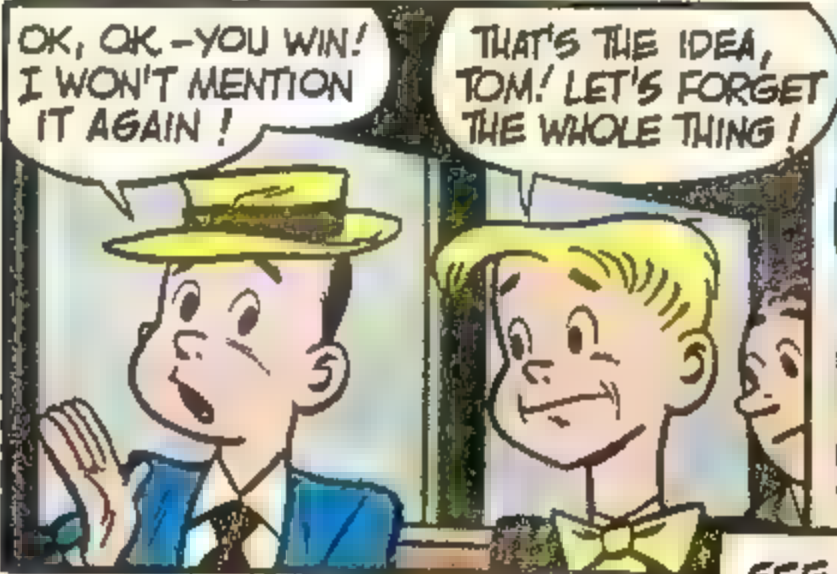
DAN, I'M VERY CURIOUS—WHY DO WE NEED GEORGE IN THE BAND? HE CAN'T PLAY THE TROMBONE!

LOOK, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! STILL, I FEEL HE'S A VERY VALUABLE MAN!



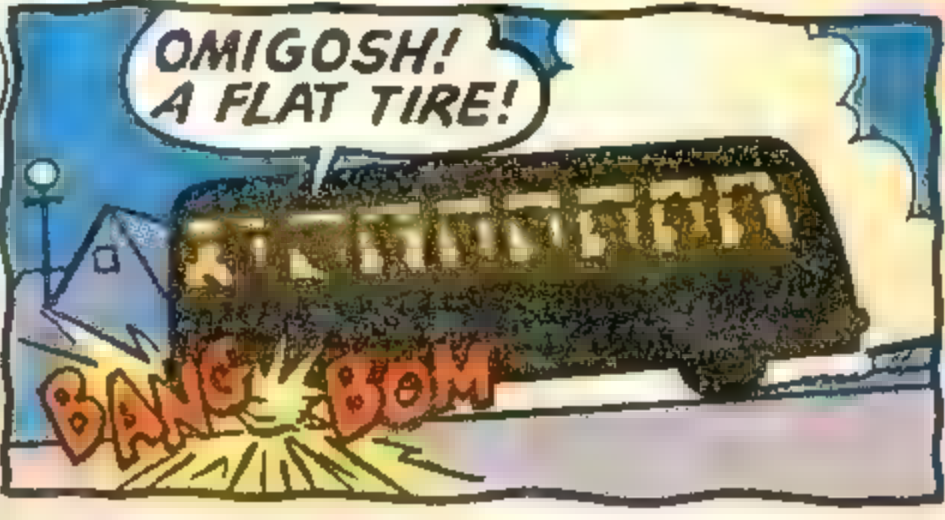
VALUABLE MAN? DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE DID TO THAT NEW ARRANGEMENT?

NOW TOM, PLEASE! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! I TELL YOU HE'S VALUABLE!



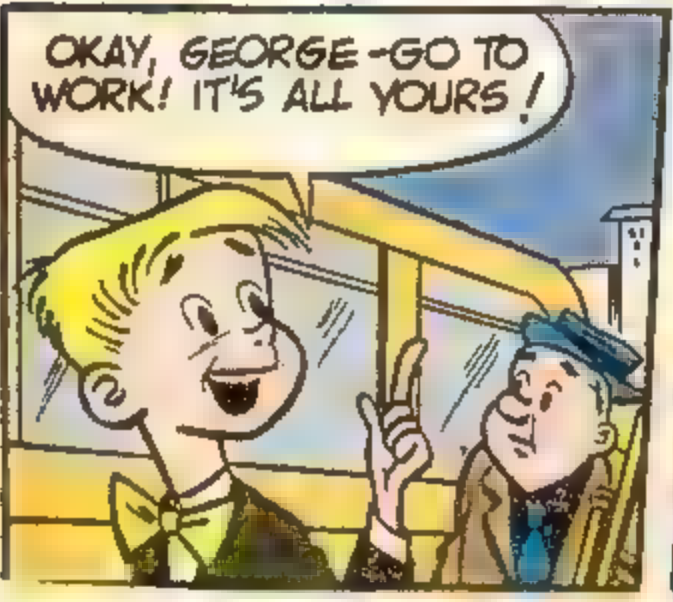
OK, OK—YOU WIN! I WON'T MENTION IT AGAIN!

THAT'S THE IDEA, TOM! LET'S FORGET THE WHOLE THING!

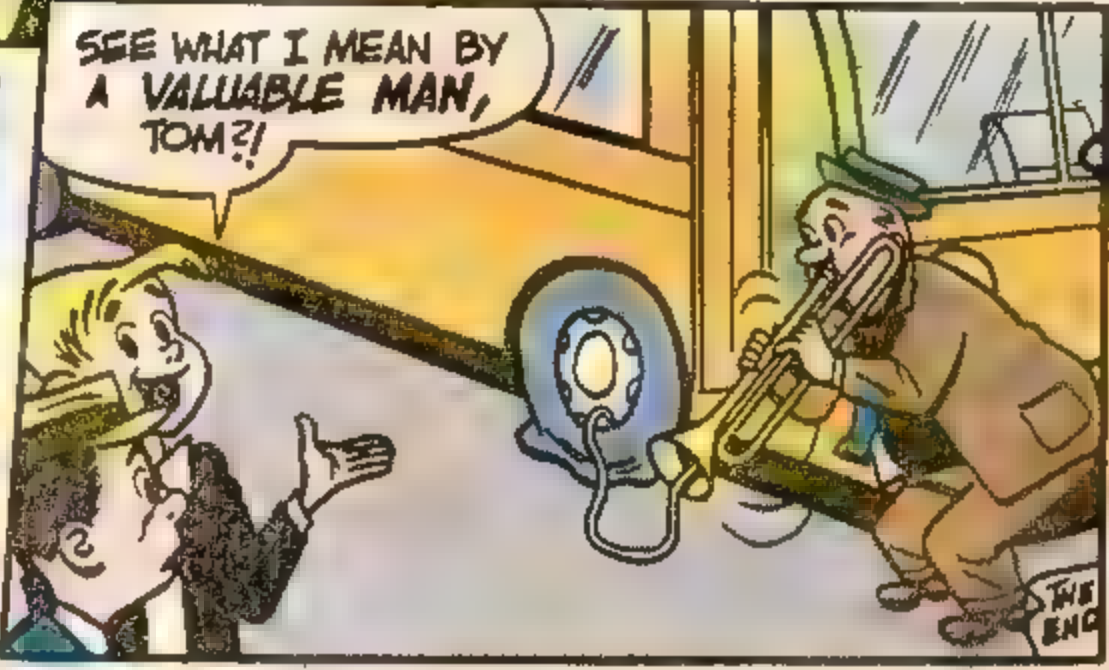


OMIGOSH! A FLAT TIRE!

BANG BOM



OKAY, GEORGE—GO TO WORK! IT'S ALL YOURS!



SEE WHAT I MEAN BY A VALUABLE MAN, TOM?!

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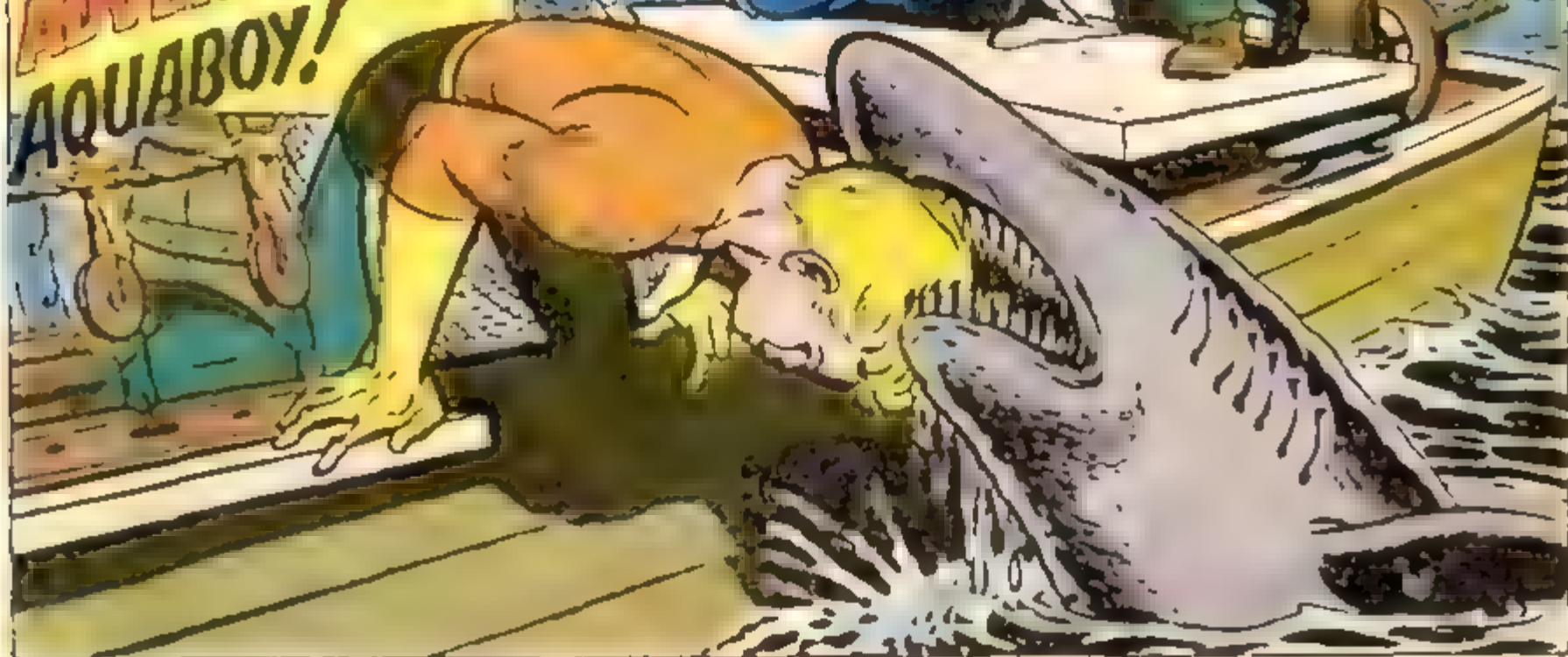
WE ALL KNOW ABOUT **AQUA-MAN'S** AMAZING POWERS AS HE PERFORMS MARINE MIRACLES SERVING MANKIND! BUT STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM THERE WAS A TIME IN **AQUA-MAN'S** LIFE, WHEN NO ONE BELIEVED HE EXISTED! THOUGH THIS OCCURRED MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN THE KING OF THE SEA WAS ONLY A BOY! ONE STARTLING DAY, **AQUAMAN** DISCOVERS THAT HE IS RIGHT BACK WHERE HE STARTED FROM, AS HE RELIVES...

The **ADVENTURES** OF **AQUABOY!**

LOOK! I'M PUTTING MY HEAD INTO A SHARK'S MOUTH! DOESN'T THAT **PROVE** I CAN CONTROL THE CREATURES OF THE SEA?

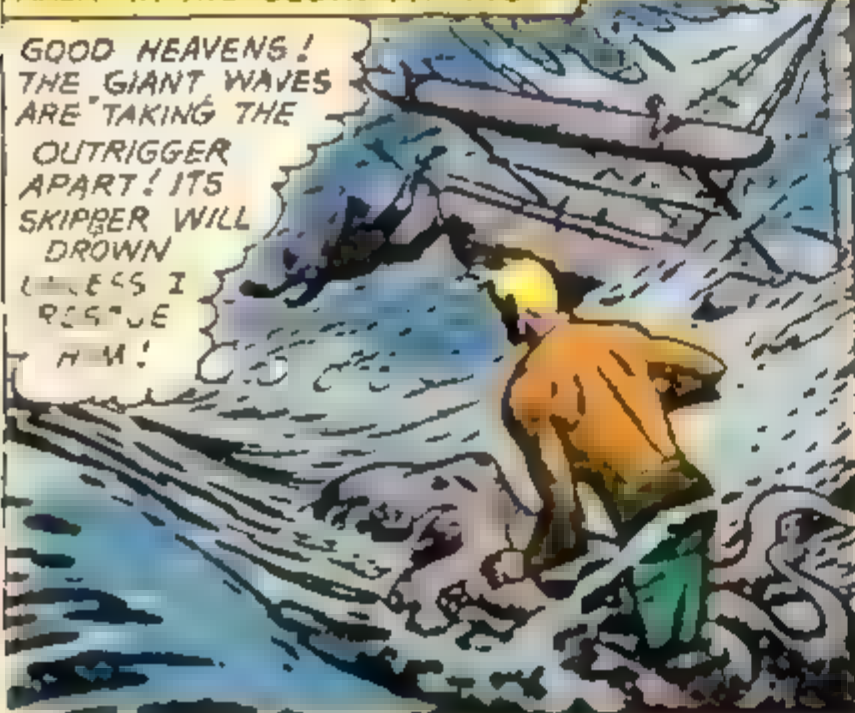
NOPE! IT MIGHT BE JUST A CHEAP TRICK! MAYBE THAT SHARK AIN'T EVEN REAL!

NO SIR, SON! I DON'T BELIEVE IN A HUMAN RULER OF THE SEA! LET ALONE A **BOY** RULER!



ONE DAY, AS **AQUAMAN** PATROLS A STORMY AREA IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC...

GOOD HEAVENS! THE GIANT WAVES ARE TAKING THE OUTRIGGER APART! ITS SKIPPER WILL DROWN UNLESS I RESCUE HIM!



MOMENTS LATER... TAKE IT EASY, FRIEND! I'M **AQUAMAN**! I SAW YOUR BOAT BREAK UP! I'LL SAVE YOU!

NO! I-I DON'T WANT TO BE SAVED! GASP! LET GO OF ME! LET ME DROWN!





BUT SOON, AS THE GALE SUDDENLY DIES DOWN...

WE CAN REST
ANYWHERE ON THIS
STRIP OF CORAL!
...HEY! YOU'RE
STUMBLING! CAN'T
YOU SEE WHERE
YOU'RE GOING?

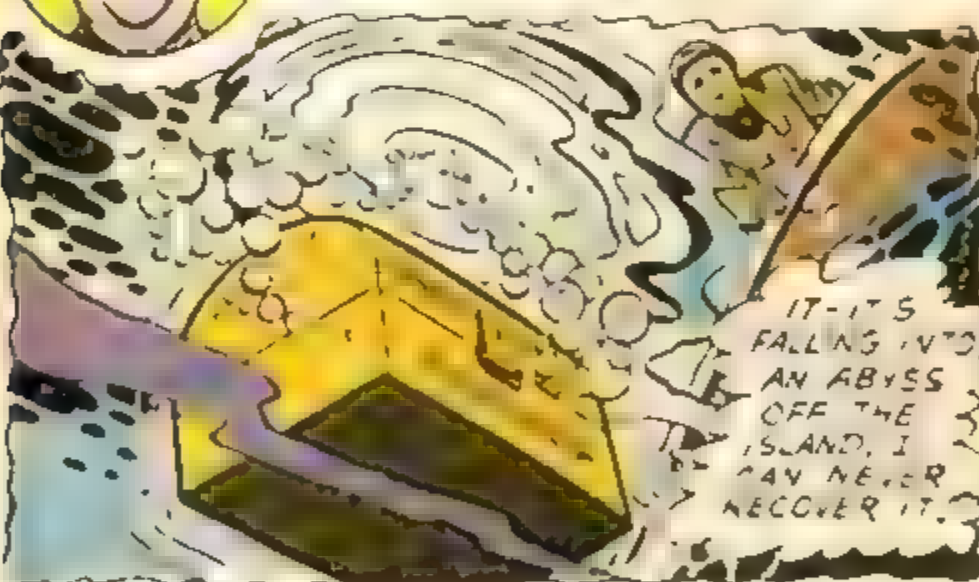
NO, YOU FOOL!
I'M **BLIND!**



MANY YEARS AGO, AN ACCIDENT
TOOK MY SIGHT AWAY! SO I
RETIRED TO AN ISOLATED
SOUTH SEA ISLAND, WHERE-
FOR TWELVE YEARS I
DIVED FOR PEARLS,
GROPING BLINDLY ON
THE OCEAN BOTTOM FOR
EACH OYSTER!



*ONE DAY, AFTER GATHERING ENOUGH
PEARLS TO PAY FOR AN OPERATION THAT
WOULD RESTORE MY SIGHT, A TRAGEDY
OCCURRED! THE CHEST CONTAINING MY
PRECIOUS PEARLS FELL OVERBOARD...



IT-IT'S
FALLING INTO
AN ABYSS
OFF THE
ISLAND. I
CAN NEVER
RECOVER IT.

ALL HOPE OF
REGAINING MY
EYESIGHT VANISHED
WITH THE PEARLS!
I HAVE NOTHING
TO LIVE FOR!
SO PLEASE...
DON'T STOP
ME!

I **MUST!**... BECAUSE
I CAN RECOVER
YOUR PEARLS! IF
YOU'LL TELL ME
WHERE THEY SANK!



LIAR! NO HUMAN BEING CAN DIVE THAT
DEEP! YOU WANT TO TRICK ME INTO GIVING THE
LOCATION OF THE PEARLS SO YOU CAN
ORGANIZE AN EXPEDITION TO RETRIEVE
THEM! BUT I'LL NEVER TELL YOU!



BUT I'M **AQUAMAN!**
I POSSESS FANTASTIC
MARINE POWERS! I
CAN COMMAND FISH!
THE OCEAN IS MY HOME!
IT'S NOTHING FOR ME
TO DIVE FOR THOSE
PEARLS!

SO YOU'RE AN **AQUA-
MAN**, EH? I DON'T
BELIEVE YOU! A MAN
SUCH AS YOU DESCRIBE
COULDN'T EXIST IN
THE PAST, PRESENT, OR
FUTURE!

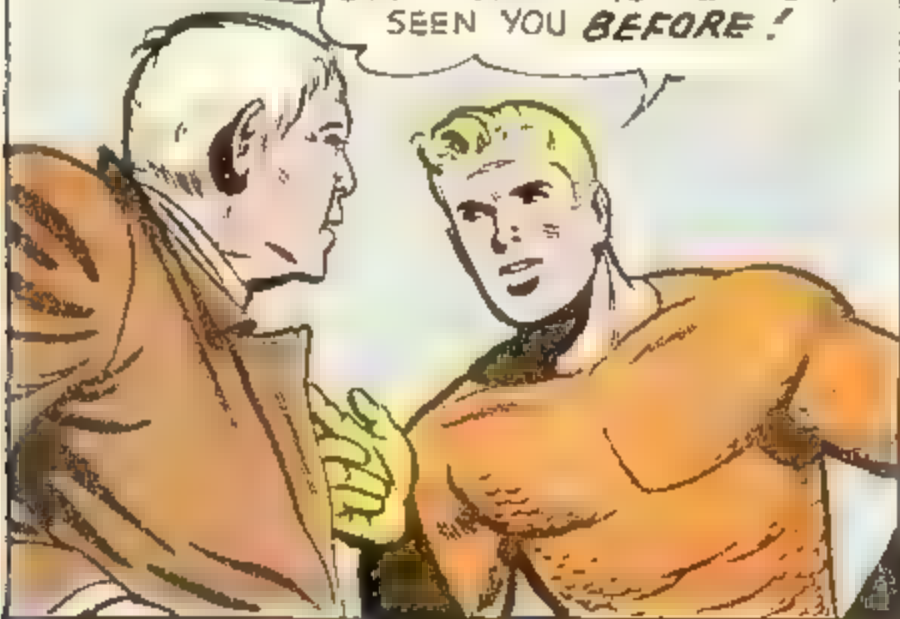




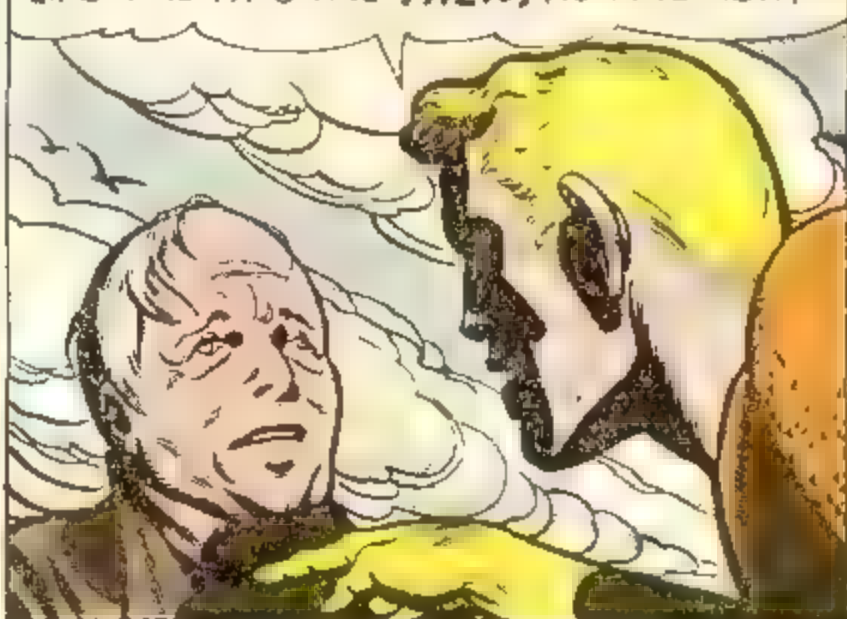
ADVENTURE COMICS



ALONE ON THAT ISLAND FOR TWELVE YEARS, YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE WORLD! OTHERWISE YOU'D KNOW **AQUAMAN** EXISTS, TO HELP PEOPLE IN DISTRESS, LIKE YOURSELF!... BUT IT SEEMS TO ME I'VE SEEN YOU **BEFORE**!



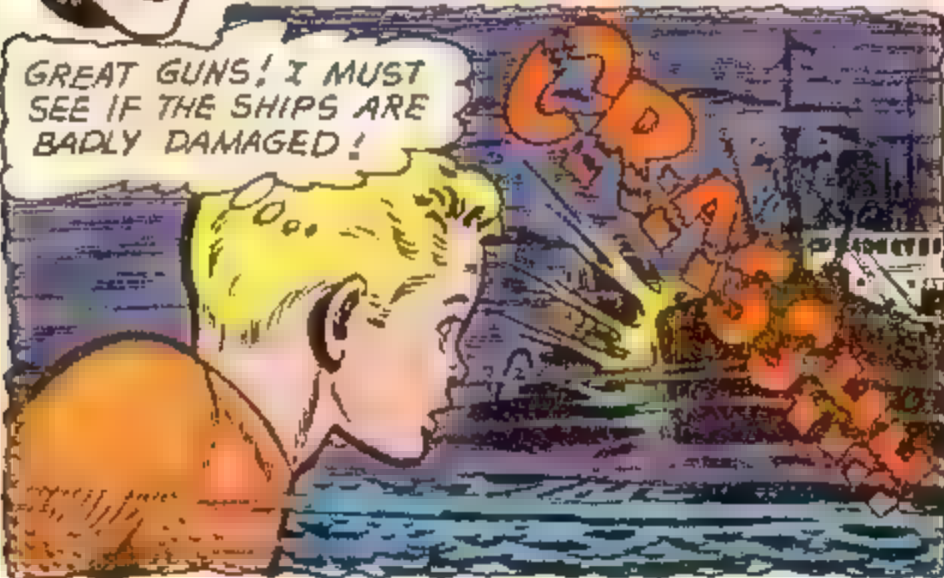
SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR FACE IS **VERY** FAMILIAR!... I'VE **GOT** IT! I MET YOU LONG AGO WHEN I WAS **AQUABOY**! YOU D.D.N'T BELIEVE IN **AQUABOY**, EITHER... AND YOUR LIFE WAS AT STAKE **THEN**, AS IT IS NOW!



"IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO, BEFORE ANYBODY HEARD OF ME! YOU WERE THE CAPTAIN OF A FREIGHTER THAT COLLIDED IN THE FOG WITH ANOTHER BOAT! I HAPPENED TO BE SWIMMING BY ON MY FIRST ATLANTIC PATROL..."

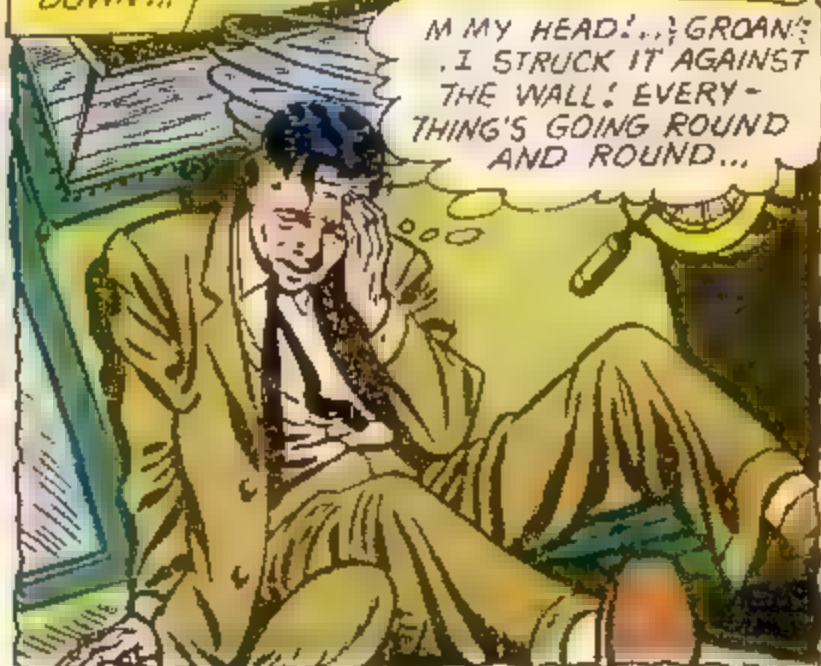


GREAT GUNS! I MUST SEE IF THE SHIPS ARE BADLY DAMAGED!



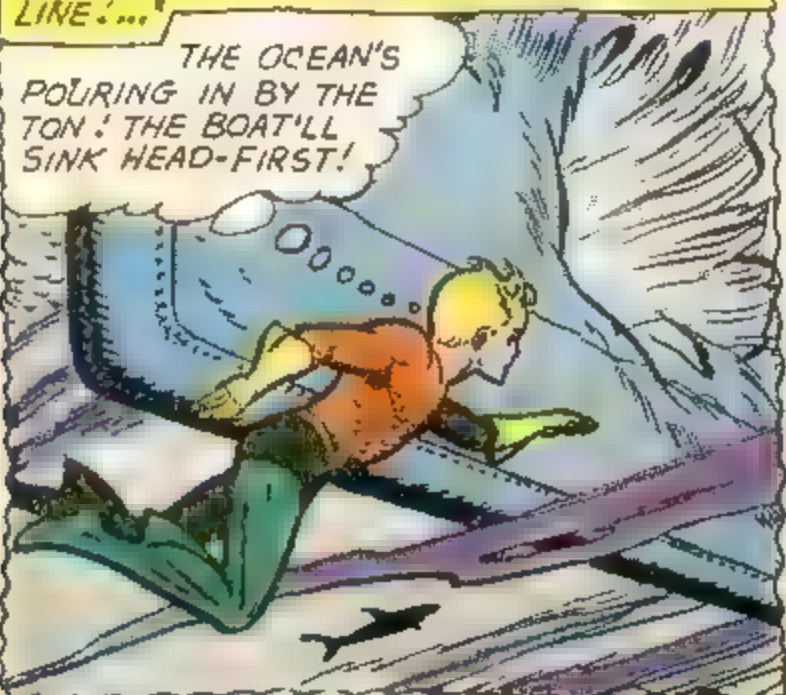
"WHAT I COULDN'T SEE WAS THE BRIDGE OF YOUR BOAT. AS YOU EXPLAINED LATER, THE IMPACT OF THE COLLISION HAD KNOCKED YOU DOWN..."

M MY HEAD!... GROAN! I STRUCK IT AGAINST THE WALL! EVERYTHING'S GOING ROUND AND ROUND...



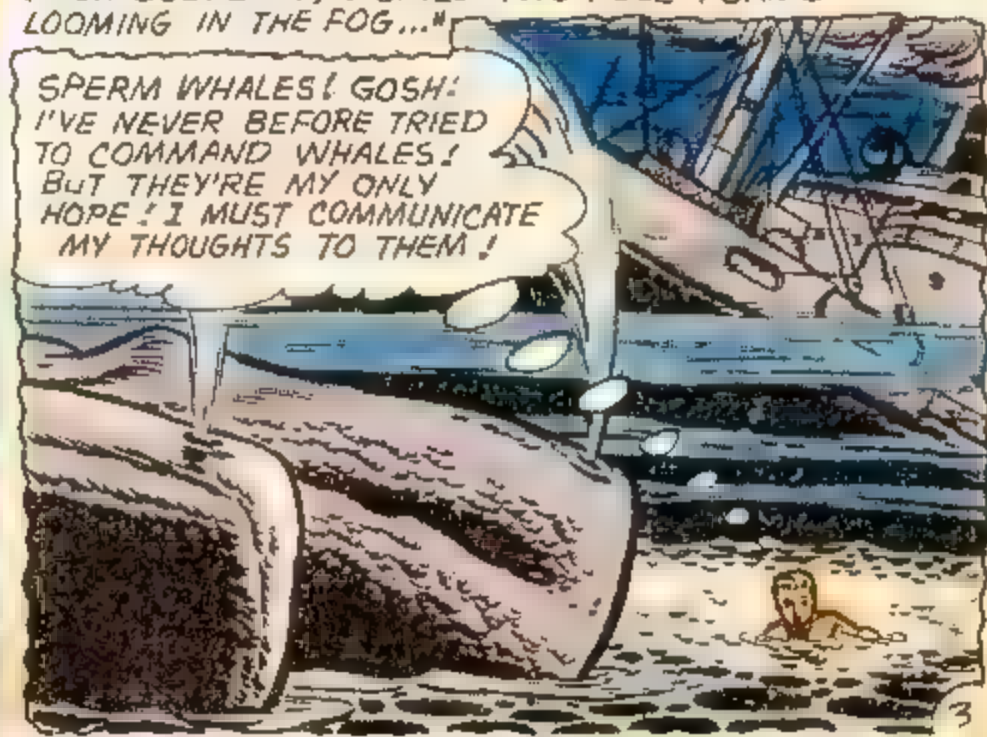
"LUCKILY, THE OTHER VESSEL WAS UN-DAMAGED! BUT YOUR SHIP HAD A HUGE HOLE IN THE BOW BENEATH THE WATER-LINE!..."

THE OCEAN'S POURING IN BY THE TON! THE BOAT'LL SINK HEAD-FIRST!



"YOUR FREIGHTER WAS ALREADY TILTING FORWARD WHEN SUDDENLY, I SPIED TWO HUGE FORMS LOOMING IN THE FOG..."

SPERM WHALES! GOSH! I'VE NEVER BEFORE TRIED TO COMMAND WHALES! BUT THEY'RE MY ONLY HOPE! I MUST COMMUNICATE MY THOUGHTS TO THEM!



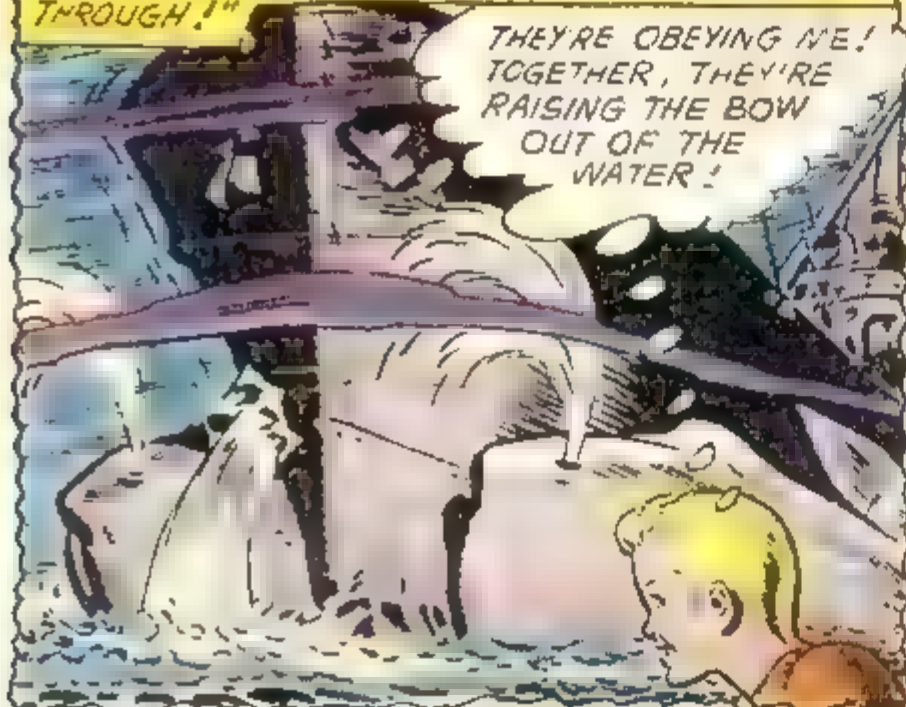


ADVENTURE COMICS



"SECONDS LATER MY AMAZING TELEPATHIC POWER TO COMMAND SEA CREATURES CAME THROUGH!"

THEY'RE OBEYING ME! TOGETHER, THEY'RE RAISING THE BOW OUT OF THE WATER!



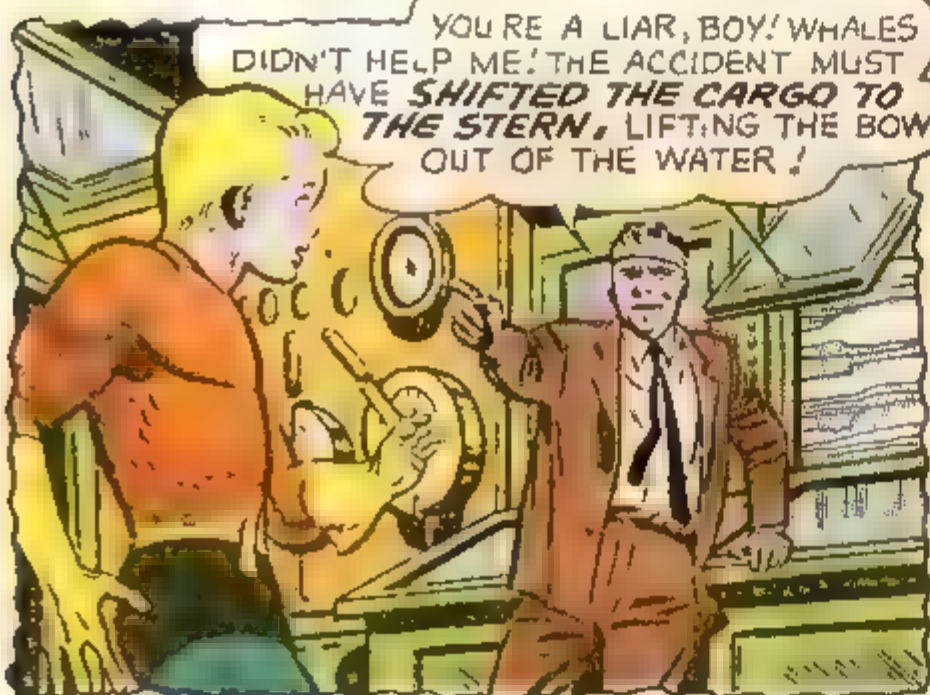
"AND THAT'S HOW YOUR FREIGHTER MADE PORT!"

NOW I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE CAPTAIN AND EXPLAIN HOW I SAVED HIM! I WANT ALL SEAFARING MEN TO KNOW THAT **AQUABOY** EXISTS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!



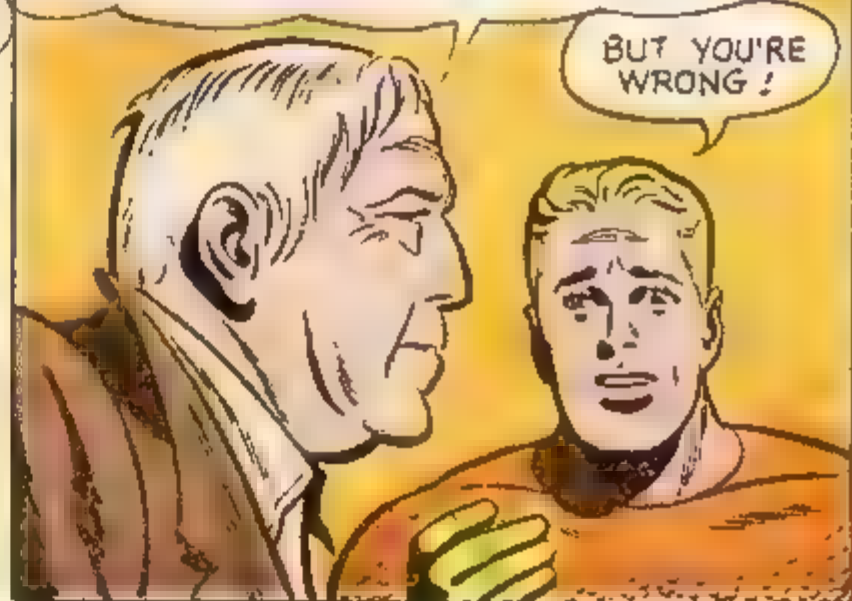
"BUT INSTEAD OF THANKING ME, CAPTAIN HARTE, I **REMEMBER** YOUR NAME NOW... YOU GAVE ME A NASTY RECEPTION."

YOU'RE A LIAR, BOY! WHALES DIDN'T HELP ME! THE ACCIDENT MUST HAVE **SHIFTED THE CARGO TO THE STERN**, LIFTING THE BOW OUT OF THE WATER!



YES! I REMEMBER NOW! I SAW NO WHALES! I HAD MANY HALLUCINATIONS BECAUSE OF MY HEAD INJURY! THAT BOY IN THE FOG HAD TO BE AN HALLUCINATION, TOO! NO BOY... OR MAN... CAN **RULE** SEA CREATURES!

BUT YOU'RE WRONG!



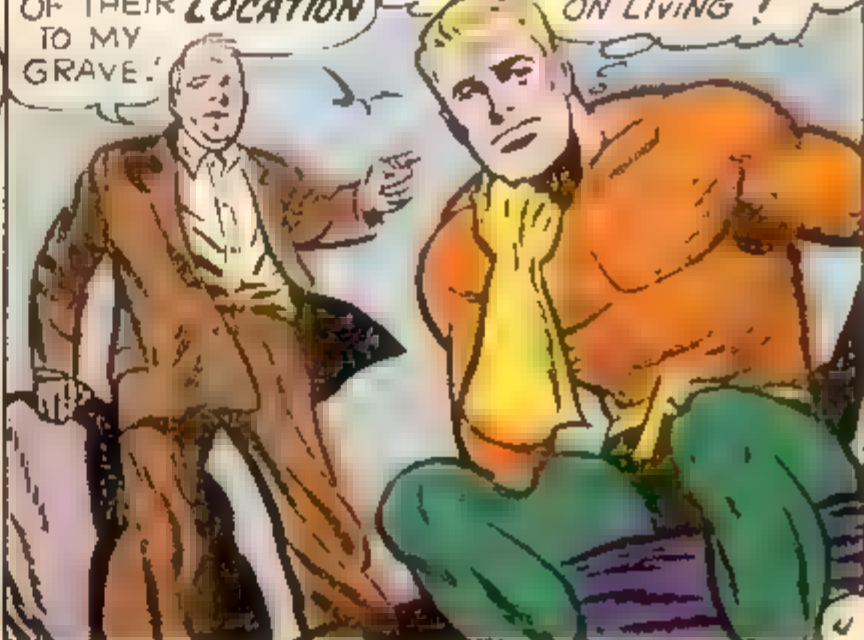
THAT BOY GREW UP TO BE **ME... AQUAMAN!** ALONG ON THAT ISLAND FOR TWELVE YEARS, YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE WORLD! THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME!

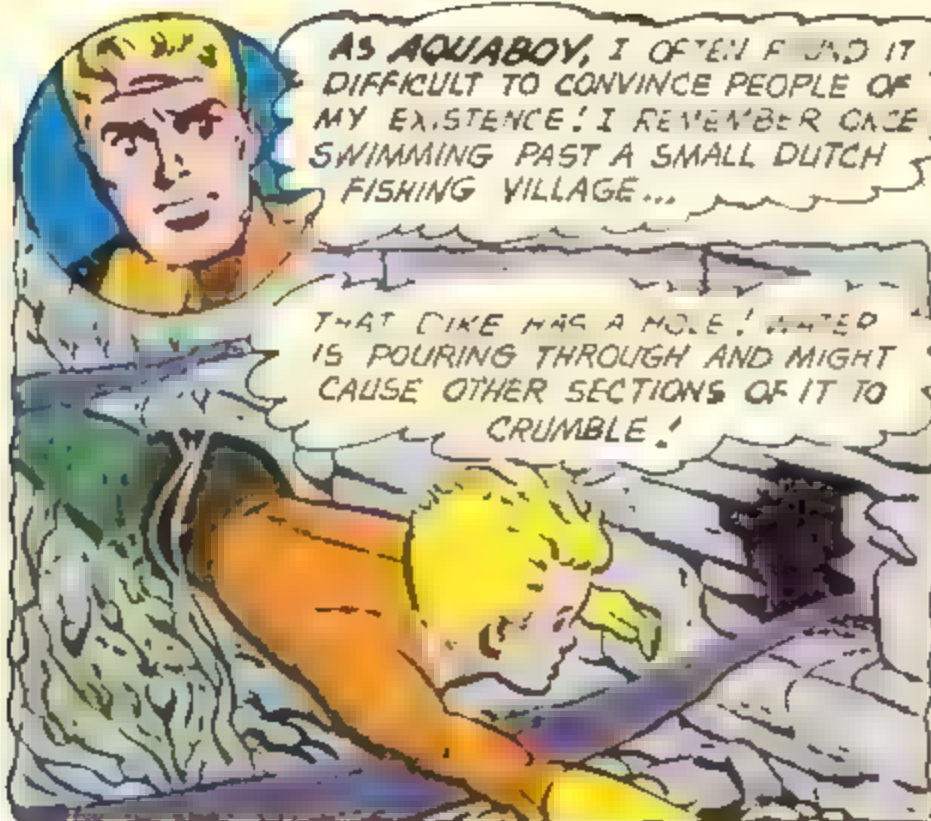
BUNK! YOU'RE JUST KIDDING ME!



YOU'RE JUST A THIEF AFTER MY PEARLS! BUT I'LL TAKE THE SECRET OF THEIR **LOCATION** TO MY GRAVE!

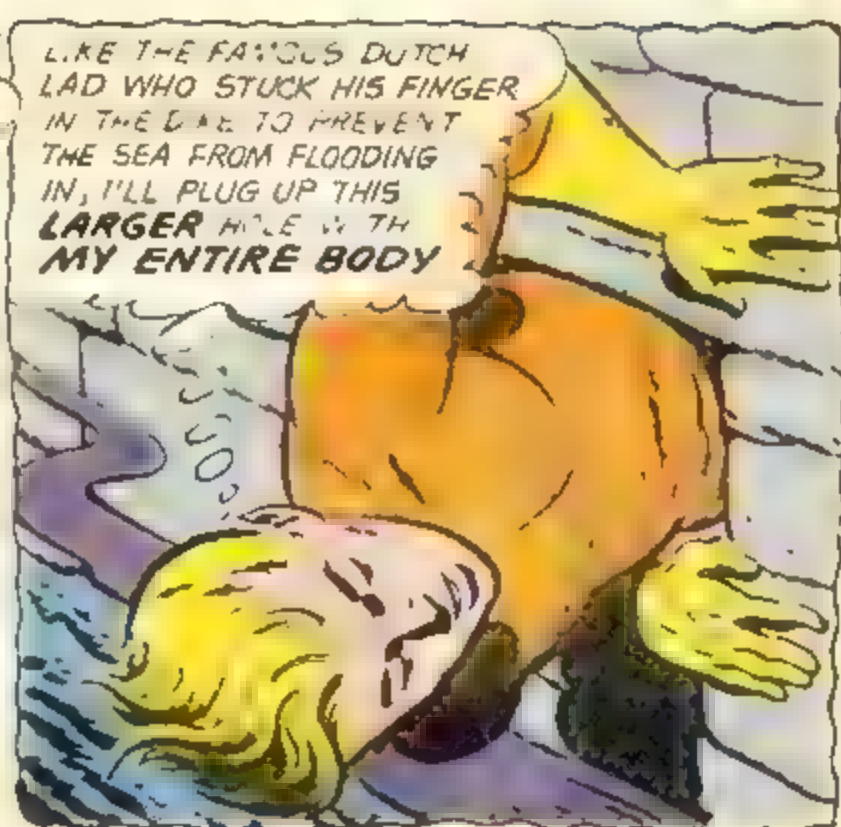
WHAT'LL I DO? IF I CAN'T PROVE I'M **AQUAMAN**, I CAN'T RECOVER HIS PEARLS AND GIVE HIM HOPE TO GO ON LIVING!



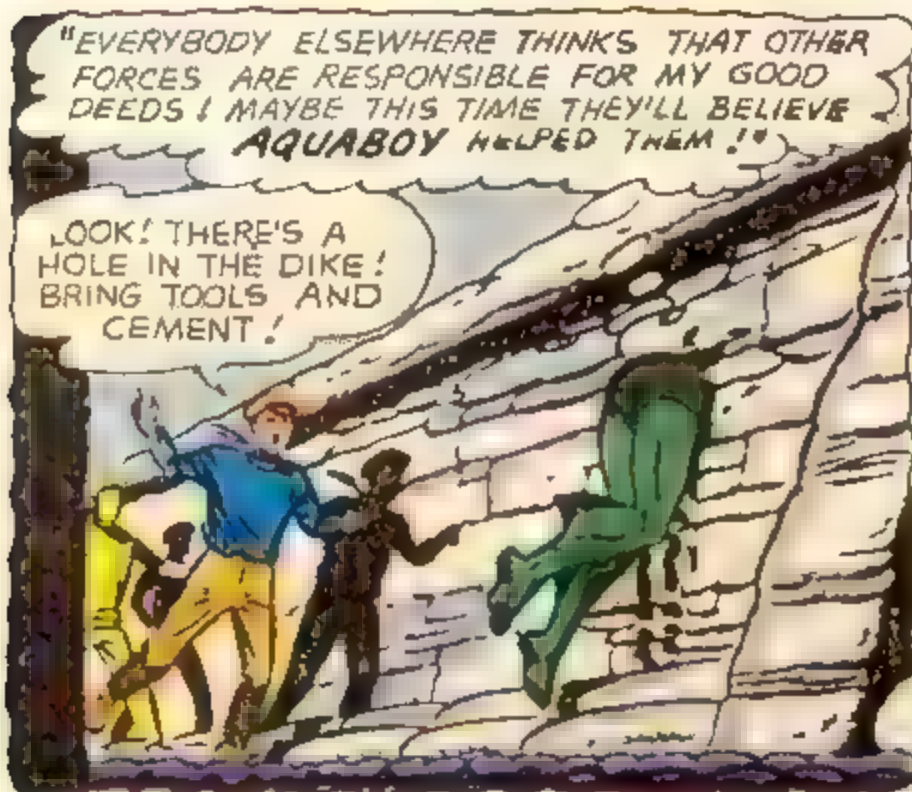


AS AQUABOY, I OFTEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE PEOPLE OF MY EXISTENCE! I REMEMBER ONCE SWIMMING PAST A SMALL DUTCH FISHING VILLAGE...

THAT DIKE HAD A HOLE! WATER IS POURING THROUGH AND MIGHT CAUSE OTHER SECTIONS OF IT TO CRUMBLE!

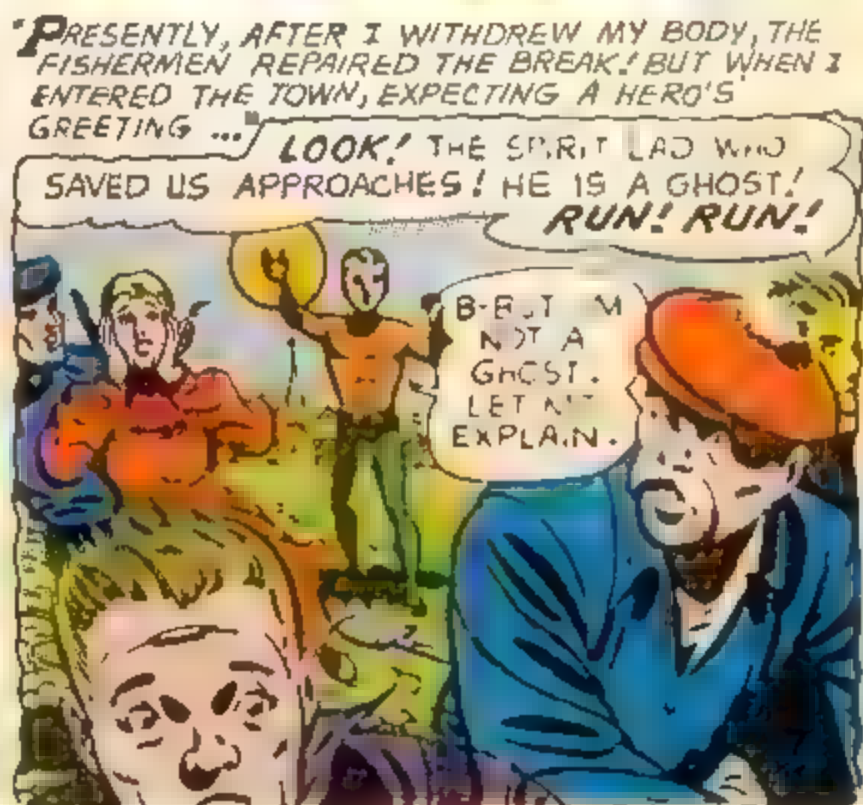


LIKE THE FAMOUS DUTCH LAD WHO STUCK HIS FINGER IN THE DIKE TO PREVENT THE SEA FROM FLOODING IN, I'LL PLUG UP THIS LARGER HOLE WITH MY ENTIRE BODY



"EVERYBODY ELSEWHERE THINKS THAT OTHER FORCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY GOOD DEEDS! MAYBE THIS TIME THEY'LL BELIEVE **AQUABOY** HELPED THEM!"

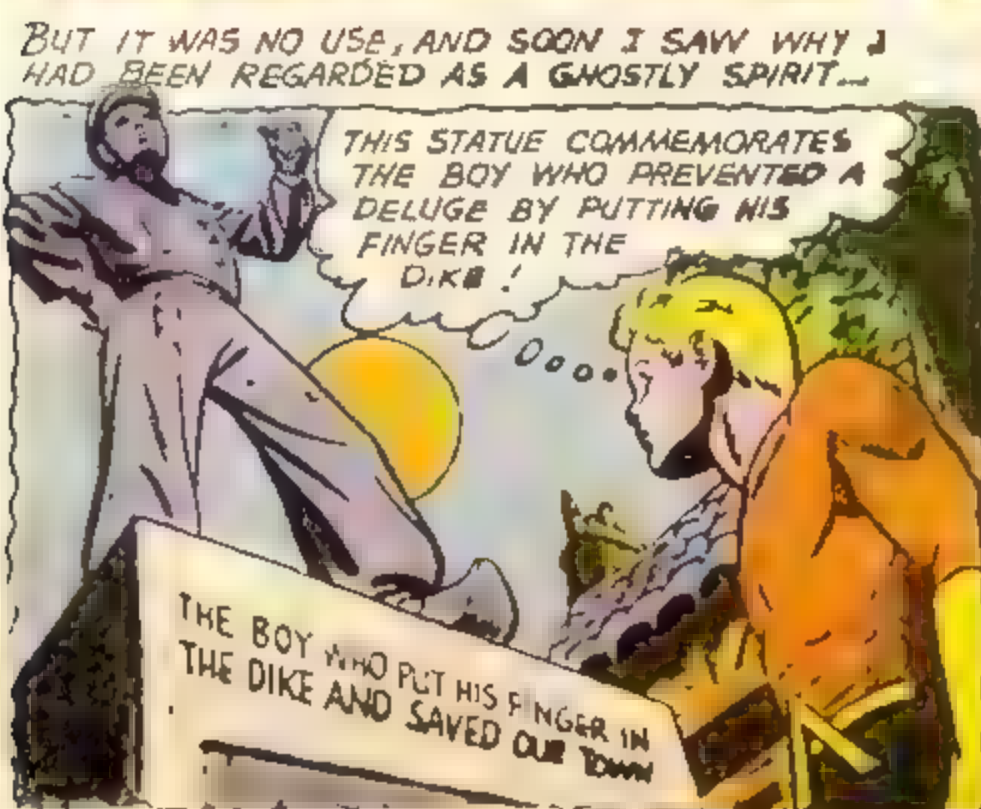
LOOK! THERE'S A HOLE IN THE DIKE! BRING TOOLS AND CEMENT!



"PRESENTLY, AFTER I WITHDREW MY BODY, THE FISHERMEN REPAIRED THE BREAK! BUT WHEN I ENTERED THE TOWN, EXPECTING A HERO'S GREETING ..."

LOOK! THE SPIRIT LAD WHO SAVED US APPROACHES! HE IS A GHOST! **RUN! RUN!**

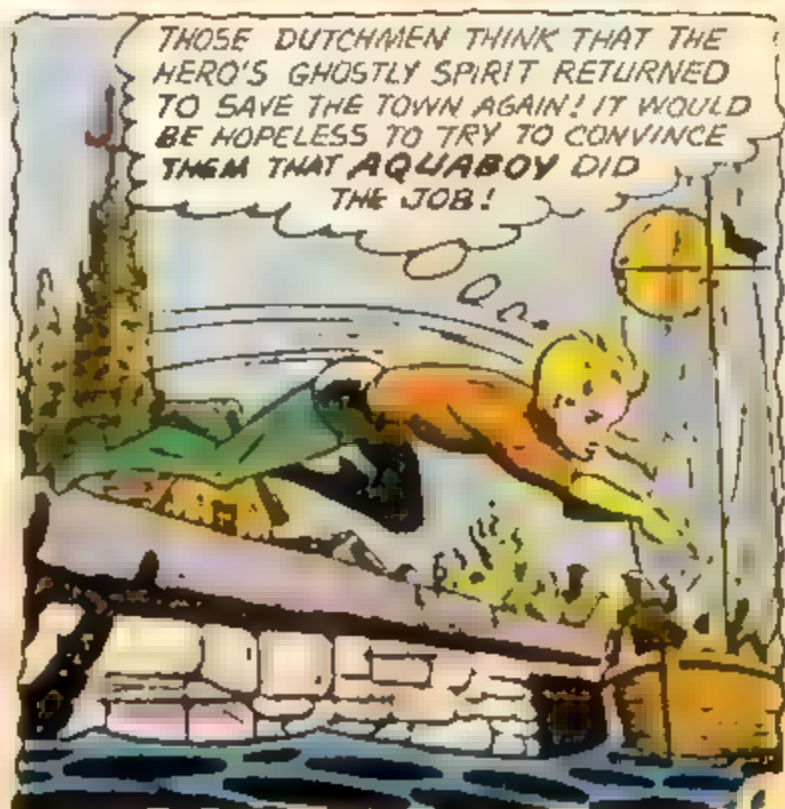
B-B-BUT I'M NOT A GHOST. LET ME EXPLAIN.



BUT IT WAS NO USE, AND SOON I SAW WHY I HAD BEEN REGARDED AS A GHOSTLY SPIRIT...

THIS STATUE COMMEMORATES THE BOY WHO PREVENTED A DELUGE BY PUTTING HIS FINGER IN THE DIKE!

THE BOY WHO PUT HIS FINGER IN THE DIKE AND SAVED OUR TOWN



THOSE DUTCHMEN THINK THAT THE HERO'S GHOSTLY SPIRIT RETURNED TO SAVE THE TOWN AGAIN! IT WOULD BE HOPELESS TO TRY TO CONVINCE THEM THAT **AQUABOY** DID THE JOB!

I'M JUST AS HELPLESS TODAY... TRYING TO PROVE TO A BLIND MAN WHO CAN'T SEE ME THAT I HAVE AMAZING MARINE POWERS! YET I MUST CONVINCE

CAPTAIN! PLEASE BELIEVE ME! THOUSANDS HAVE WITNESSED MY WATERY FEATS!

BAH! WHAT IS SEEN IN WATER IS OFTEN DECEIVING! THE OCEAN IS A MYSTERIOUS WORLD FULL OF CHAPES AND SHADOWS NONE OF THEM REAL!

YES! I'VE KNOWN THAT REACTION, TOO! THERE WAS ANOTHER INCIDENT I EXPERIENCED WHEN I WAS **AQUABOY**...

THE ARCHEOLOGISTS WERE LOOKING FOR A LOST ROMAN GALLEY WITH TREASURE ABOARD THAT HAD GONE DOWN IN AN ANCIENT BATTLE...

THE WRECK CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY ITS FIGUREHEAD... A BOY ON A DOLPHIN.

HMM... I'LL HELP THEM

"I MOUNTED A DOLPHIN SWIMMING BY, KNOWING THAT THE SIGHT WOULD ATTRACT THEM... AND I LED THEM TO THE TREASURE..."

NOW I'LL PROVE TO THEM THAT THE STRANGE FIGURE THEY SAW WAS NOT A MERE FIGUREHEAD!

GASP! I... IT'S MOVING AGAIN! IT'S COMING CLOSER

AMAZINGLY, A MINUTE LATER, THEY THOUGHT I WAS THE BOY-ON-THE DOLPHIN FIGUREHEAD THEY HAD SUDDENLY SPIED LYING IN THE MUD!

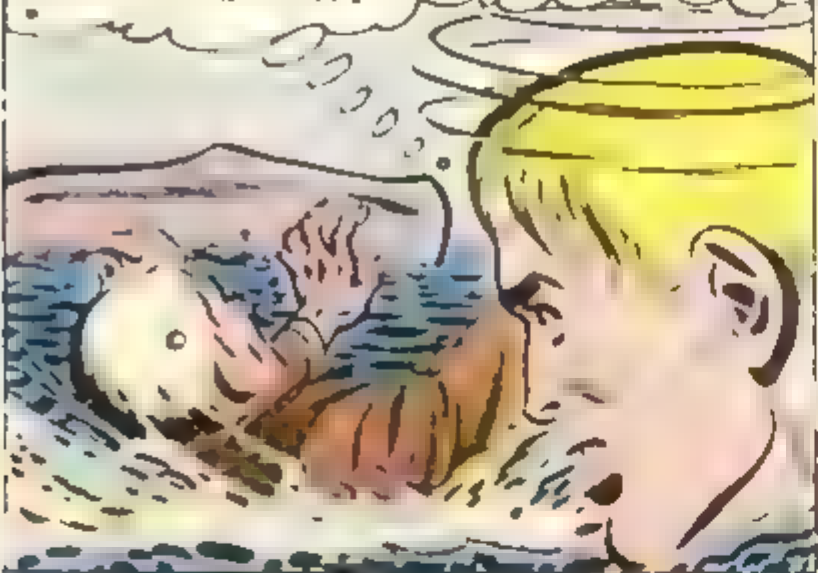
NOW THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE THERE WAS AN **AQUA-BOY**! THEY'LL THINK THEY SAW THE FIGUREHEAD FLOATING AROUND TILL IT BECAME LODGED IN THE MUD!

"IT TOOK ME YEARS TILL I CONVINCED A "SEEING" WORLD I EXISTED! SO HOW CAN I CONVINCE A BLIND MAN IN A FEW HOURS?"

H... HEY!

SECONDS LATER, AS A SEA QUAKE DESTROYS THE REEF

"GASP! I'M HURT! CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS... ALTHOUGH I CAN STAY AFLOAT, BUT HARTE WILL DROWN UNLESS I GET A SEA CREATURE TO SAVE HIM! HMM... THAT WHALE GIVES ME AN IDEA!"

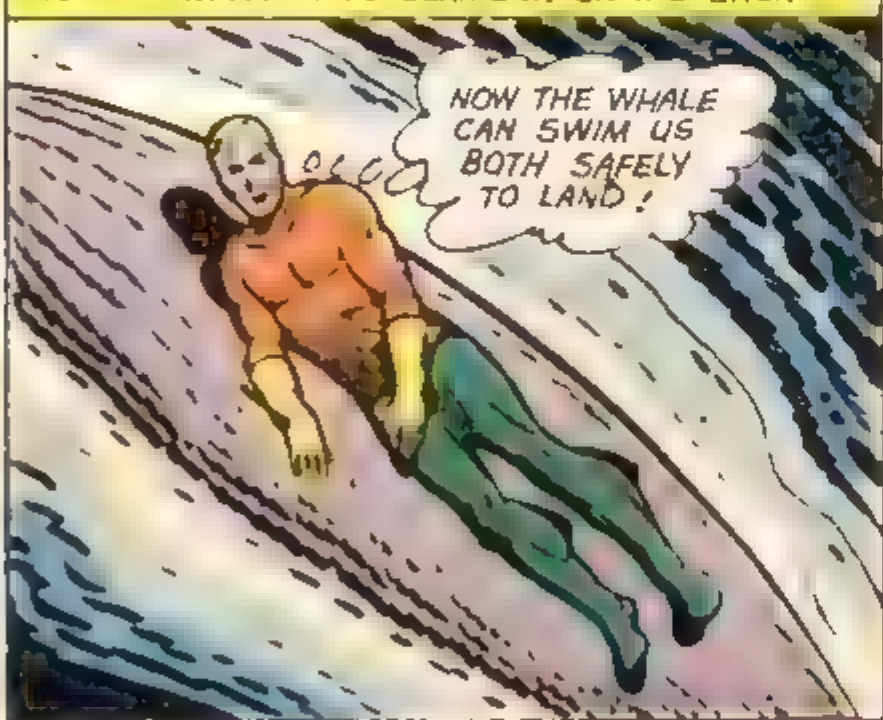


AFTER AQUAMAN SNAPS AN ORDER TO THE HUGE MAMMAL..



"HARTE... NEARBY... HIS LIFE WHEN HE NEEDED HELP! DROWN WHILE HE'S... THE WHALE'S MOUTH! IT'S AS SAFE AS A WATERTIGHT CABIN!"

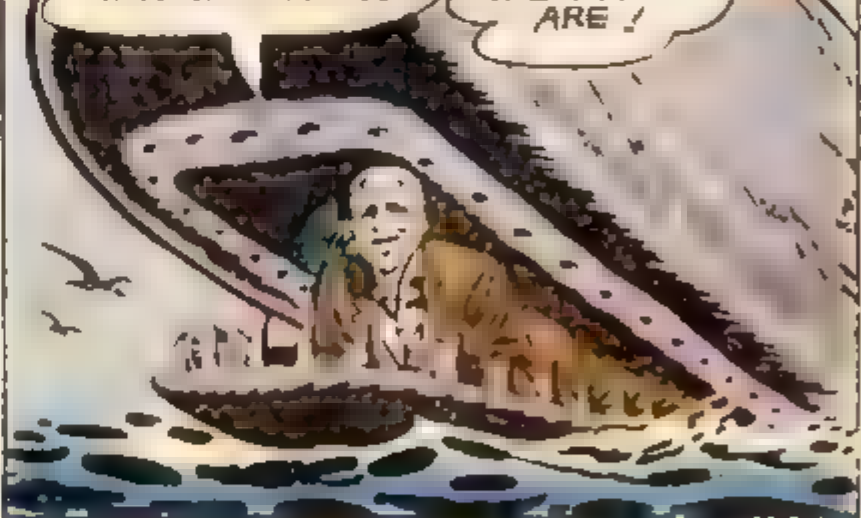
AND AS THE WHALE SURVIVES TO RESCUE HIS INJURED MASTER TO CLAMBER ON HIS BACK



"NOW THE WHALE CAN SWIM US BOTH SAFELY TO LAND!"

LATER, LATER...

"GASP! I MAY NOT SEE, BUT I CAN FEEL THE WHALE'S TAIL! AQUAMAN, YOU MUST BE KEEPER OF THE SEA IF YOU CAN COMMAND THIS MONSTER!"



"GOOD. NOW TELL ME WHERE THE PEARLS ARE!"

DAYS LATER WHEN AQUAMAN RECOVERS FROM HIS INJURY

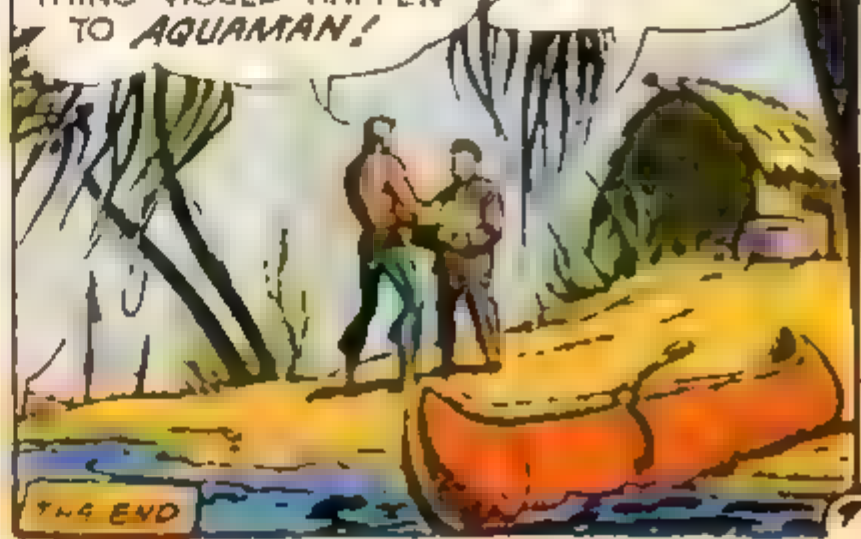
"AFTER I RETRIEVE THE PEARLS FROM THIS WATERY ABYSS, THE CAPTAIN WILL SURELY BELIEVE IN MY POWERS!"



SHORTLY AFTER

"YESSIR, CAPTAIN! I HAD A HARD TIME CONVINCING PEOPLE I WAS AQUA-BOY! BUT I NEVER DREAMED THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN TO AQUAMAN!"

"FORGIVE ME, AQUAMAN! BUT NOW I NEEDN'T SEE YOU TO KNOW YOU EXIST AND THANKS TO YOU I CAN NOW ORDER MY EYE OPERATION!"



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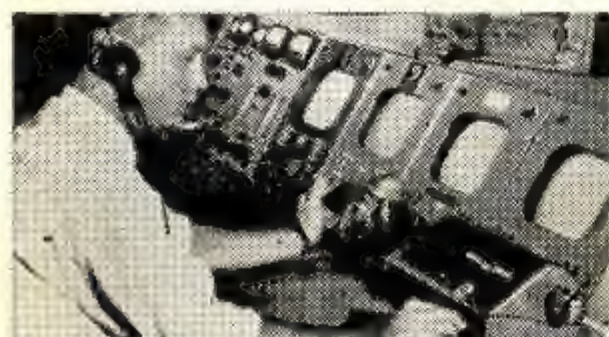
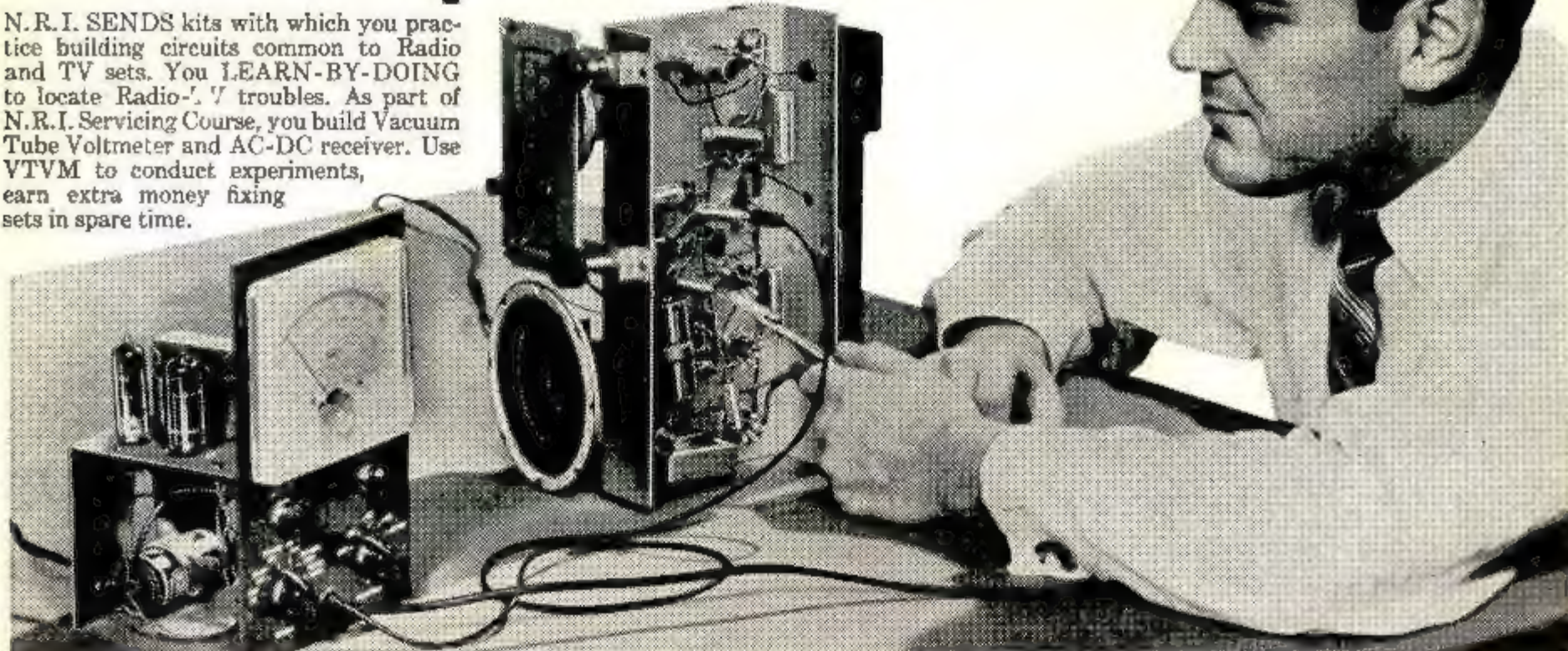
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